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SUN FO TO RESIGN?

Shanghai, March 6.

Government troops in the Nanking-Shanghai area are bolstering their defences in face of increasing Communist military movements North of the Yangtse River.

50 Years Air Right For USSR?

Shanghai, March 6.

General Chang Chih-chung, Sinkiang Administrator, recommends granting Soviet Russia exclusive foreign rights in aviation for 50 years throughout Sinkiang, Chinese reports said. The Foreign Office recommends shortening the term for the projected pact and inserting a most favoured nations clause.

Such a clause could mean China would expect the Soviet Union to share its rights in Sinkiang with any other state. Since diplomatic practice is to regard virtually all treaty-related States as "most favoured nations" clause, it could mean in effect an Open Door policy in Sinkiang instead of the virtual monopoly as China's proposed pact reportedly envisages.

However, Chang has been running Sinkiang much in his own fashion. Though he himself has gone to Peking to confer with the Generalissimo, it will be his personal deputies and not those of the Chinese Foreign Office who will negotiate the pact with the Soviets in the Sinkiang capital of Tihua.

The Chinese government notified the Soviet Union in September, 1948, of its intention to abrogate the existing Sino-Soviet air transport agreement which expires next September. However, Soviet news reports five Soviet delegates arrived in Tihua capital of Sinkiang province to negotiate not only the renewal of this agreement, but broader issues too. The Air agreement gave the Soviets the right to operate a civil air line into Sinkiang.

Likely to be discussed will be relation between Sinkiang and the neighbouring Soviet Siberian states where the border has been closed for more than a year.

Also, Sinkiang's restless tribal warfare may be debated. The Chinese desire earlier reports that the Soviets will get exclusive mining and mineral rights in Sinkiang under a projected agreement.

Last year the air pact made news when Chang's headquarters at Lanchow, Kansu Province, detained for a fortnight an American plane loaded with supplies for the U.S. Consulate at Tihua. Associated Press.

House Group To Study Soviet Espionage Case

Washington, March 5.

House spy hunters said today that they may investigate charges that Soviet delegates to the United Nations have engaged in espionage activities in the United States.

A spokesman for the House Un-American Activities Committee said the group will consider the question at a closed meeting on Monday.

Committee investigators have made preliminary inquiries into the activities of delegates from the Soviet Union and its satellite countries. The investigators have made several trips to UN headquarters at Lake Success.

This was disclosed after the committee member, Richard M. Nixon, demanded an investigation to determine whether the Justice Department is qualified

to protect the United States against Communist infiltration. The committee also may investigate the case of Miss Judith Coplan, an employee of the Justice Department.

The spokesman, who asked that his name be withheld until the whole committee can consider the investigation, said an attempt may be made to bring Miss Coplan and Valentina A. Gubitcheva, arrested Russian, before the group in an executive session. The committee plans to go as far as they can without interfering with the FBI-United Press.

Meanwhile, unconfirmed Chinese press reports said two columns of Red General Lin Piao's troops, which overran North China and Manchuria, were moving Southward along the Peiping-Hankow railway. The reports said these troops moved out from the Tientsin area and reached points South of Chengchow.

To The Yangtse

Unconfirmed reports in the China Times today said the Communist Central Plain military conference decided to assign General Chen Yi's troops to advance Southward towards the Yangtse on the East flank of the Peiping-Hankow railway and General Cheng Keng's columns to advance Southward on the West flank of the rail line.

The reports said preliminary plans for crossing the Yangtse were drafted at this military conference which, according to unconfirmed reports, decided on the following:

1. General Chen Yi's troops to cross the Yangtse in the lower

Radio Contact With N. China

Hong Kong has indirectly established radio communications with Communist-occupied territory in North China. Wireless traffic between Hong Kong and North China was disrupted when the Chinese Communists occupied Tientsin and other North China cities.

Yesterday Cable and Wireless in Hong Kong received advice from the Chinese Government Radio Administration at Shanghai that traffic may now be accepted for North China.

The North China points listed in the communication from CGRA to Cable and Wireless are Tientsin, Tang Shan Ho, Pang Ku, Tsinghai and Chinwangtao.

section, concentrating at Chen-ching and Wuhu and drive on to Hanchow.

2. General Chen Keng's troops to cross the Yangtse at Shushih and Ichang and drive Eastward. 3. General Lin Piao's to drive Southward along the Hankow-Canton railway and attempt to capture Changsha.

The reports said General Lin Piao's troops then will join with General Chen Keng's troops and advance Eastward to link up with General Chen Yi at Hanchow.

Meanwhile Nationalist China's top military leaders are discussing plans to complete the reorganization of the army, according to the Peace Daily today.

Army Reform

The Peace Daily, which is the army organ, said that military leaders are studying the overburdening financial and personnel setup of the army with a view to revamping and reforming the military services.

The paper said those attending the first meeting held at the National Defence Ministry yesterday were: General Ho Ying-ching, former Minister of National Defence; General Hsu Yung-chang, Chief of General Staff; General Ku Chu-tung, General Pao Chung-hsi, General Cheng Chien, General Chang Chun, pacification commanders of Hankow, Changsha and Chungking, respectively.

The meeting, according to the paper, decided to set up a military reform committee under the direction of General Ho Ying-ching, which will work with the pacification commanders to initiate the reforms.

One of the reform measures of the Prime Minister, Dr. Sun Fo, was reported to be drastic reduction of the unwieldy Nationalist armies.

In the field of political affairs Premier Sun Fo today appeared to be facing two alternatives—resign voluntarily or be forced out of office.

Qualified observers view his resignation now as merely a matter of time. A late check with legislators today showed they still are steadfastly insistent on removing Dr. Sun.

Sun To Quit?

Speculation is rife now as to who would probably be appointed China's next Premier. General Ho Ying-ching is most prominently mentioned because of his influence with the army. Other probabilities are said to be General Chang Chih-chung, North West China commander, and General Chang Chun, former Premier.

Latest reliable information said though Dr. Sun had intimated his readiness to quit, he is still vacillating, and is hanging on a hope that the legislators may back down sufficiently to enable him to continue in office.

Dr. Sun Fo's legislative friends are busily engaged these few days in making individual calls on their colleagues, trying to persuade them to make things easy for the premier. Dr. Sun's friends are said to have assured that the premier would resign but that it remain a question of when and how far as to ensure him some "face saving." United Press.

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Countries within the new area and the yearly immigrant quota they would receive if the bill is enacted into law:

Afghanistan 100, Nepal 100, Siam 100, Burma 100, Bhutan 100, New Guinea Territory 100, Western Samoa 100, Yap and other former Japanese Islands 100, Japan 185. Associated Press.

Myrna Loy Steps Out



In brilliant sunshine, Myrna Loy, famous American film star, steps into a taxi outside Claridges Hotel, London (where she is staying) to take her first outing since an operation for appendicitis. With her at right is her husband, Gene Markey.—AP Photo.

Commonwealth Nations Concerned Over Burma

New Delhi, March 6.

Premier Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru said today that Burma in replying to Commonwealth mediation proposals had made various suggestions about the way the matter should be handled. Commonwealth countries are still in communication with Burma on the matter, he told a press conference adding that Thakin Nu, Premier of Burma, is considering the whole question with a great deal of vision and wisdom.

More Asians Into U.S.A.?

A bill removing racial barriers from the United States naturalization laws would open up American citizenship to immigrants from a vast Asia-Pacific triangle. In this area live 200,000,000 persons who heretofore have been barred from consideration for U.S. citizenship.

Already approved by the House of Representatives, the measure now is before the Senate. It is not known what fate the bill may meet there.

A committee report on the bill says its purpose is to provide without racial restriction the privilege of becoming a naturalized citizen of the U.S. to all immigrants having a legal right to permanent residence.

No great influx of Asians into the U.S. would be permitted under the bill. It would provide only small quotas. The area that would be affected by the bill is a great triangle in the Pacific Ocean and Asia. On the East it would start at 105 degrees West longitude and extend Westward to 60 degrees East longitude, North and South it would extend from the North Pole to 25 degrees latitude, South.

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USSR Will Not Accept Western German State

Berlin, March 6.

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Moscow Radio Reports 3 European Nations To Sabotage Treaty

London, March 6.

The Moscow Radio broadcast three items on Saturday night totalling 1,000 words on threats by Communist leaders in three nations to sabotage any war effort against Soviet Russia. Each left no doubt that the statements are an attempt to stop the North Atlantic military alliance plan. The statements came from France, Finland and Austria.

Wille Pessi, general secretary of the Finnish Communist party, was quoted as saying: "Our position is the same as that of the Communists of other countries. The aggressors must be bridled even before their Atlantic Union and other military blocs have time to start a war."

If imperialists should attack Russia, Pessi said, "the duty of Communists is to help rout the aggressor or aggressors."

From Vienna, the radio quoted the Austrian Communist party newspaper Oesterreichische Volkstimme as complaining that the organs of the ruling peoples party in Graz openly urge Austria to join the Atlantic pact. The Communist paper continued: "But the Austrian workers will not permit the transformation of Austria into a strong point of the warmongers."

Discussing the situation in France, the Moscow Radio's own commentator, Voroshilov, said the French people are fully determined to struggle against the conversion of their country into a war base of the Anglo-American aggressors.

Harry Pollitt, general secretary of the British Communist party described the proposed Atlantic pact as a step toward war. He told a political meeting in Nottingham.

"If the Yanks want to make war on Russia, let them do their own dirty work."

Meanwhile, the United Press, reporting from Berlin, said the Soviet Union today demanded the right to establish restitution missions in the American zone of Germany, and charged the United States with attempting to frustrate restoration to Russia of property stolen by the Nazis.

Reich Partition

The Soviets also stated they rejected any proposals aimed at partitioning Germany.

The Russian charge of deficiencies in stolen property deliveries was contained in a letter from Marshal Vasily D. Sokolovsky, Soviet commander in Germany, to General Lucius D. Clay, American Commandant.

The Russian commander said the Soviet Union received only 99 per cent of total stolen property which was delivered from the United States zone of Germany to foreign countries up to last December. He charged the American authorities with knowingly attempting to frustrate restitution of such property to the Soviet Union, and demanded the right to establish their three-man restitution missions in each of the three American zone states.

On the subject of Russian policy toward Germany, Marshal

Former Aurora Now At Dairen

Nanking, March 6.

The Chinese cruiser, Chungking (former Aurora), has reached the Russia-controlled port of Dairen, after refuelling at the Chinese Communist-held port of Chefoo, a spokesman of the Chinese Second Naval Squadron claimed today at Chinkiang.

In Nanking, Admiral Kwai Yuang-ching, Commander of the Chinese Navy, revealed to pressmen that the Chungking eluded shore batteries at the mouth of the Yangtse, when it deserted a week ago to the Communists, by steaming to and fro as if her engines were being tested.

When she was out of range the cruiser steamed North towards the open sea.

Admiral Kwai said he had not yet given up hope that the Chungking would return to her station. He said that he had wireless to cruiser advising her to return to make the historical mistake of making China look ridiculous in the eyes of the cruiser's British donors.—Reuter-AAP.

Sokolovsky insisted the Soviet Union wants a united, not divided Germany. He said: "The Soviet authorities, who insistently champion the cause of unity in Germany and its conversion into a democratic sovereign state, rejected all proposals categorically which aim at partitioning the country."

General Clay could not be reached for comment but observers here believed there was little chance he would grant the Soviet request for the establishment of new missions in the American zone.

Three days ago General Clay ordered a little blockade of the Soviet reparations mission after it refused to leave Frankfurt on the March 1 deadline. The mission was withdrawn after the Americans cut off light, water and communications in its headquarters.—Associated Press, and United Press.

THE WEATHER

At 0500 GMT (2 p.m. HKST) the moderate anticyclone continues to dominate the area, the neighbouring sea and South Japan.

Today's Forecast—Moderate Easterly winds, overcast with mist or drizzle patches overcast, drizzle becoming partly cloudy during the day.

Yesterday's Weather—Maximum: 82.7 deg. Fah. Minimum: 64.8 deg. Fah. Sunshine 61 hours.

Rainfall: Trace. Total since Jan. 1—128.0 mm.—5.04 ins. as against an average of 91.8 mm.—3.61 ins.

Readings: 4 p.m.

Dew pt. at 10 a.m. 101.4 m.h.

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PROTESTANTS FARE WELL UNDER REDS

Protestant Christians, without Western colleagues, are faring better under Communist rule in China than their Roman Catholic brethren with the presence of Westerners who prove a constant source of friction between the congregation and the authorities.

A report to this effect published in the current issue of St. John's Review is entitled "What is the Church going to do in Communist China?"

The article follows in part: "The situation is still uncertain, and is likely to be so for some time, but the reports that are now coming in are more cheering than they were some months ago. The National Christian Council in its 'News Letter' is doing a service in centralising information and views upon this matter, and the following extract from the latest number indicates a more encouraging state than at one time was feared: 'Chinese Christians are divided as to the desirability of the evacuation of Western colleagues. There are those who say that the Church is an ecumenical society and should, at the least, maintain a task force in China.'

New Policy

"Two instances of late point to a new policy. 'One is the experience of the nine missionaries—seven Americans and two Britons—who remained at Chefoo after the evacuation of the Arts College to Hangchow, and the Medical College to Foochow, at the urgent behest of the Governor of Shantung. Tsinnan was taken by the Communists on September 25, and, to date, the missionaries have been treated with consideration, and allowed to continue with their work. 'There is the not unnatural proviso that they shall not indulge in anti-Communist propaganda. There is educational freedom and the school continues. There has also been expressed the hope that the evacuated colleges shall return. This report was brought by the Reverend Mr. Richard W. Bryant, Presbyterian, a native of Lockport, New York, English teacher at Chefoo Middle School. He was given the necessary passes to come to Shanghai on business, and has his return permit.

Faring Better

"Another instance of the new policy comes from Miss M. Geneva Sayre, of the Free Methodist Church. North American, who reports that mission work has been unimpeded in Cheongchow, Hunan, and that she was asked to continue her Bible Training School. 'Meantime, the general experience has been such that there are not wanting Chinese who advise their Western colleagues that, so far from being able to assist as they did under the Japanese occupation—they are a handicap. There are also missionaries who learned this through bitter experience—not in mistreatment of themselves, but of colleagues. 'Also, it has been reliably reported by missionaries who have done relief work in Communist areas, that the groups of Protestant Christians they found were faring better under Communist rule, without Western colleagues, than their Roman Catholic brethren were with the presence of Westerners, who proved a constant

source of friction between the congregation and the authorities.

New Approach Needed

"There is a major difference between the attitude towards evacuation of faculties and student bodies today in comparison with that of 10 years ago. Then, students and faculty followed the flag into Free China. Today, institutions—schools, colleges, hospitals and other Christian organizations—are remaining where they are.

"This is no struggle between North and South China, or East and West China. There are no geographical lines drawn. It is an ideological conflict, and cannot be located geographically. Individual students may have been withdrawn from Yenching or Ginling or other colleges by their parents, and individuals may have been withdrawn from the institution, whether Government or Christian, (barring the one exception noted) is staying on its own campus."

"One suggestion for a new type comes from Robert Root in October's Christian Century. He writes from enough freedom in the 1950's to justify planning a mission programme. But there will have to be a new approach. 'A Communist China will be no place for elaborately housed institutions. A missionary, friend writes from North China, 'Work, certainly, can't be done with the present type of organization. It will have to be an organizationless type of church, if there is such a thing. Any organization which they can't control and have within their framework will be practically useless."

"Yet there is hope for a simple, pioneering type of mission effort. The primitive 'rough it' work of the first century disciples comes to mind. The Friends' Ambulance Unit, though it has no evangelistic work, is active in Communist China and suggests a pattern. It would be a labour of tents and poor food and maybe overalls.

An Exodus

"This would require unique missionaries. They would have to renounce comfort, to face sudden death. They would have to be young and rugged. They would need qualities of mind which allowed them to sympathize with Communist aims, to explain them, but enabled them to resist the temptation to exploit hatred and ignore personality as means to Utopian ends. Perhaps China is the one place on the globe where an imaginative Church, with great experience of the land, could be a leaven to penetrate the brittle hard-tack of Communism. 'At this end, however, we do see that our exodus of missionaries from China, whether temporary or otherwise, is taking place. A number of institutions and organizations have moved to Hong (Continued on Page 3)

General Sir
Neil Ritchie



The Commander-in-Chief, FARLEF, General Sir Neil Ritchie, RCB, MBE, DSO, MC, ADC (facing camera) greeted on arrival at Kai Tak by the GOC, 'Hong Kong, Major-General Matthews, CBE.

Many Delighted By HK Light Orchestra

(By KIMBERLEY)

Live musical entertainment in Hong Kong is something still very new, something limited in its scope and altogether too self-conscious. But there are many who look forward to them—with all its blemish—for something that to them, is more important than a chiselled note, a competent but not wholly polished instrumentalist, or an unorthodox harmonic structure.

They look for the music that they know and love, and not being able to create it themselves they look to an embodiment that can at least suggest it.

At the Grips last night many of these people got their fill. I was one of them.

With a programme aimed to satisfy a variety of tastes, the 'Hong Kong Light Orchestra' presented an evening of popular music—popular in the sense that the orchestra felt the programme was one which the public of simple music lovers will enjoy. The orchestra has reasons to be proud of its efforts. One was by the enthusiastic reception which greeted its music.

At least two items delivered by the orchestra told of the talents of the orchestra as a whole and William Apps, the conductor, in particular. They were Albert W. Keelley's "In a Chinese Temple Garden" played during the first half of the programme, and Strauss' waltz, "Wine, Women and Song" in the second.

In the first place, an oriental fantasy contained much of the mysterious enchantment of the Orient, that the subject suggests. Its effort in this piece possessed all solemn drama and mystery of a Chinese temple. When playing Strauss' waltz next, the orchestra should its progressing versatile ability.

Included in the programme were three instrumental solos and one vocal.

On the violin was W. Ten-Have's "Allegro Brillante" and Massenet's "Meditation Phais", the latter was more tangible to the ear.

Then there was a trumpet solo "Send Me Your Aid" from Gounod's Opera and a tricky piece, Brewer's "The Deep Blue Sea" on the piccolo, which I did not enjoy very much, but yet received the evening's most extravagant plaudits.

The vocalist sang two English songs, one of which was "Linden Tree" in a touching style although with a voice too lacking in volume to deserve any particular commendation.

Of the solo items, I would have preferred another vocalist at least in the programme even at the expense of an instrumentalist, for shall I say, some variety.

In all, nevertheless, the performance of the Light Orchestra was deserving of the praise it received. When it transfers to the Peninsula Hotel next Sunday, those with an honest heart for light music and a carelessness for detailed technical perfection, will find it to their satisfaction in attending.

Tramcar Handle Bars Refixed

Brass handle bars on tramcars are being refixed inside the tramcars of the cars. The handles were until recently on the outside of the tramcars. A recent accident in which the pedestrian was severely hit on the head by one of these protruding bars, is said to be the reason for the bars being refixed.

HK Salvation Army Appeals For Funds

An appeal for funds for the Salvation Army in Hong Kong was broadcast over Radio Hong Kong last night by Mr. Arthur Morse, Chief Manager of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.

Mr. Morse urged large business houses and individuals to make contributions to the Army which needs HK\$100,000 this year to carry out its work in the Colony.

"In Hong Kong," said Mr. Morse, "the Salvation Army has by dint of its long years of work among the destitute and unfortunate, and of its ready assistance in times of emergency, become an institution with a permanent and essential function in the Colony. Never more than now has there been a greater need for its continued assistance to the administration and to the community."

"This year the work of the Army in Hong Kong is estimated to cost \$500,000. Of this amount the public are asked to contribute a modest fraction of \$100,000. All the salaries and wages of the Army's workers are paid from London; to the Colony their services are free."

"The most pressing need of the Army here is a Headquarters Working Centre to replace the dispersed and inadequate as well as the uneconomical accommodation in the rented property. A new building is to be built on Nathan Road, land already provided by Government."

Vast Scope

"The London Headquarters in addition to its ordinary grant of \$40,000 and a long period loan on easy terms as to capital and interest is contributing a special building grant of \$80,000. It is, therefore, but a comparatively small matter for this rich and prosperous Colony to raise \$100,000, out of which \$60,000 will be allocated to building and equipment of the new centre."

"Of the vast scope of the manifold social and spiritual welfare and purely humanitarian work done by the Salvation Army in the Colony it is impossible in these few words to give any account. Of its existing institutions it may be mentioned that the Poor School, catering for 550 children at Wanchai, has been very successful."

"Last year a new Girls' Home was started, also at Kwai Chung, in addition to a Vocational Centre where, with simple equipment, the boys and girls are being taught to employ their spare time with benefit and are being trained as useful citizens."

"I can merely refer to the voluntary service that the Army gave in taking full control of the Government Evacuation Centre at the Seamen's Institute. This work was in the ordinary tradition of the Army's service, but it is a matter that should be remembered that the Army always holds itself in readiness, officially, to undertake special work among refugees whenever the occasion may arise."

Duty to Humanity

"The organization has always and will always throw all its resources and personnel into any grave emergency which may affect the Colony and the well-being of the people within its confines."

"In a word, the Salvation Army performs in the Colony a function which is indispensable. It is trained and equipped and does work which neither Government with all its resources nor voluntary organizations can perform."

"It is not merely a matter of contribution to charity, not merely a matter of recognition of valuable work done, but a matter of obligation and civic responsibility and above all a matter of duty to humanity that all or individuals should contribute as generously as possible according to their means to the maintenance of these excellent services in our midst."

Five Born In HK Every Hour

An average of five births an hour was recorded in Hong Kong during January, according to official statistics. Total births in the month under review was 4,190 Chinese and 79 non-Chinese as against 1,249 deaths (1,238 Chinese and 11 non-Chinese).

The monthly averages for births and deaths during 1948 were 3,956.2 and 1,119.5, respectively.

Still Looking For Robbers

Police are still conducting intensive investigations throughout the Colony in connection with the armed robbery at the Fat Cheong Central on Friday in which three persons were wounded and \$100,000 was taken. It was reported that several persons have been detained, but this could not be confirmed.

MR. W. J. KEATES

Reports from the Queen Mary Hospital yesterday stated that there had been no change in the condition of Mr. W. J. Keates, Editor-in-Chief of the "China Mail" and "Sunday Herald".

Mr. Keates was involved in a tram accident on February 14.

Newsprint In Argentina Put Under Govt Control

Buenos Aires, March 5.

All newsprint in Argentina will in future be placed in a common pool and the Information Under-Secretariat will be responsible for its distribution to all Argentine publications.

This was announced by Dr. Corrello, President of the National Economic Council, after a meeting of the Economic Council authorities with newspaper directors from Buenos Aires and some representatives from the provinces.

Dr. Corrello told the press later that the Government's great desire is to safeguard the freedom of the press, and the best way to ensure this is to treat all in the same way.

The best form of controlling newsprint, he added, is to limit newspapers to a maximum number of pages.

Those sold at 15 centavos to 12 pages.

A decree controlling newsprint supplies will be published shortly, Dr. Corrello said.

The measure follows a month-old printers' strike, settlement of which is expected after an announcement that the strikers will be allowed to open direct negotiations with the proprietors.

Argentina's two big independent daily newspapers, "La Prensa" and "La Nacion", appeared yesterday for the first time for 24 days.

The publishers have been conferring with the National Economic Council on the shortening of newspaper, a year ago "La Prensa" and "La Nacion" had 40 pages, "El Mundo" 30, and "El Sur" 20.

Reminders

Today

Sports Club general meeting, King's Building, 5.30 p.m.
Overseers' or Urban Council cocktail party in honour of Mr. James Reid, Jacobson Room, HK Hotel, 5.30 p.m.
Bridge Drive, European YMCA, 8.30 p.m.
Lecture on "Rise of Italian Painting" by the Rev. Fr. T. F. Ryan, Public Relations Office lecture room, 5.30 p.m.
HK Football Referees Association Committee, Association office, Prince Bldg., 5.30 p.m.

Coming Events

TOMORROW
New Asiatic Chemical Works, Ltd., annual meeting, China Building, top floor, 5.30 p.m.
HK Rotary Club luncheon, talk by Dr. Rose on "A Surgeon Looks To South China", Roof Garden, HK Hotel, 12.30 p.m.
Whist Drive, European YMCA, 8.30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Tec II Club meeting, Talbot House, 50, Macdonnell Road, 8.30 p.m.
Exhibition of woodcuts and lithography by Mr. Hwang Yung-yu, Fung Ping Shan Library, 9 a.m.

THURSDAY

Kowloon Rotary Club luncheon, Peninsula Hotel, 12.30 p.m.
Y's Men's Club of Hong Kong, luncheon at Chinese Bankers Club, Bank of East Asia Building, 12.45 p.m.
Exhibition of woodcuts and lithography by Mr. Hwang Yung-yu, Fung Ping Shan Library, 9 a.m.

SHIP PIRATED

On his return to Hong Kong yesterday the master of the ss. Wang On reported that his vessel was pirated by six armed men on a voyage from Hong Kong to Swatow last week. The Wang On steam launch plies regularly between the Colony and Swatow. Pirates disguised as passengers seized control of the vessel after she left Hong Kong harbour on March 1. The pirates commandeered five sampans to take more than HK\$40,000 in loot ashore near Pichou.

The crew and some 20 passengers were also relieved of their money and valuables.

3 OCEAN SHIPS

Three ocean-going ships made their first appearance in local waters yesterday. They are the Dutch steamer Reel, the 10,000-ton Italian-built motorship Selma Salen and the British steamer City of Durham. The Selma Salen is the flagship of the Salen Skagen Line and is the forerunner of three large ships to join the Salen fleet. She was specially designed for the Far East trade.

FAREWELL TO REID

A farewell cocktail party will be given at the Jacobson Room, Hong Kong Hotel, at 5.30 p.m. today in honour of Mr. James Reid, Chief Health Inspector. The hosts will be the overseers of the Urban Council. Mr. Reid is leaving Hong Kong on retirement.

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Struggle For 1st Place In Hockey League Keen

(By KIMBERLEY)

With Khalsa holding Club de Recreo, the leaders in Hockey League, to a scoreless draw at Boundary Street yesterday, and Army, who are second in the Table, gaining full points in a match against the RAF whom they beat by two goals to nil, the struggle for first place in the league is likely to develop into a neck-and-neck affair.

Even at this stage, there are indications that championship honours will be between Recreo and Army. The former by reason of their strength, are slightly favoured.

Protestants Fare Well Under Reds

(Continued from Page 2)

Kong and set up here for the time being. We are deeply sympathetic with the Catholics and cost involved in this movement to crowded and expensive Hong Kong, in addition to the disappointment at having to be separated from the regular field of work and perhaps witnessing the apparent dissipation of the devotion and faithful work of years.

"At the same time, this places a very heavy strain upon the existing church institution and staff here, which are insufficient to care for the needs of Hong Kong itself. It would have been well if the often projected General Mission Business Agency could have been already established here by the joint action of the various missionary bodies. As it is the Church of England, the Reverend Dr. Hart, the Reverend J. E. Sandbach, and the Rev. Mission are up to a never ending pressure, which is sometimes inconsiderate and ill judged.

Plain Facts

"It is more than time that a Central Mission Business Agency was set up here with a staff seconded or appointed for this important piece of work. Perhaps the reluctance to do this has been in the desire, well enough founded, to have the central organisation of missions in China, in London and New York, and other places remote from the actual scene.

"The plain facts appear to indicate that the business of the missions can no longer be satisfactorily managed from Shanghai without a good deal of help from Hong Kong. It is here respectfully pointed out that in recent years, had not Hong Kong been a peaceful, orderly British possession, and sympathetic to Christian missionary work in China, the missionary work of the Church in China would have been gravely hampered, and many missionaries would have been without entry, a place of communication, supply, refuge, and egress."

To Stick To Jobs

Meanwhile Catholic missionaries in China have made up their minds to stick to their jobs and carry on as best they can under the Communist rule.

Top level Catholics here interviewed by the United Press pointed out that despite Communist attempts to interfere with mission work, the Communists are gradually abandoning violence as a means of hindering the work of missions. Missionaries here take hope in the fact that since April, 1948, no Catholic priest or nun has been killed. Neutral sources admitted that this lends weight to the belief that the Reds have modified their policy toward missionaries but at the same time warned that it should not be taken as meaning that the Communists welcome Christianity.

"One authoritative source said, 'The materialistic creed does not provide for Christianity. The Communists sneer at religion—any kind of religion. They have destroyed Catholic churches, Protestant chapels and Buddhist temples.'

"One of their often used arguments in their attempt to win over the Christians is 'Stretch out your hands to Stalin and you get bread. Reach out to God and you get nothing.'

Although the Communists have not resorted to any serious violence lately, they continue other repressive measures. In outlying places, Red interference often depends on the whims of local commanders.

There are still 840 foreign and 1,315 Chinese priests in Communist areas plus 827 nuns and 30 brothers in Red areas.

The Irish Maynooth Mission, also known as the Maynooth Society, is the largest group of Irish missionaries in China. One of the best known is Father Maurice Kavanagh of County Wexford who has large parish in Beijing's historic Tungfang Church.

Bishop J. Galvin of County Cork, founder of the Maynooth Mission, operated a large mission in Hanyang in Hupoh province. Bishop Patrick Cleary of County Clare heads the mission in Nanjing. There are 65 Irish priests in all of China—United Press.

Army, however, is creeping slowly but very surely up the ladder, being only three points behind Recreo with more games to play.

Should both teams finish their fixtures—with some five to six games to go—Army will end only a point behind Recreo, who of late have been taking things rather easily in hockey due mainly, it is believed, to badminton and tennis culling on a good number of their best players.

Every game from now on will mean either the championship or the next best position for Recreo. Their game yesterday against Khalsa very nearly lost them valuable points. These two teams which have succeeded against Macao where a Colony combination have failed. Recreo beat Macao last Easter while Khalsa defeated them just before the Interport, which, incidentally, Hong Kong only managed to draw.

It was not surprising, therefore, that yesterday produced some moments of brightly bright hockey in the Recreo-Khalsa affair.

The two teams play a similar type of hockey, namely, a closely knit manoeuvring tactics with wings spreading.

Recreo's forward line, superior to Khalsa's, found the latter's defence, comprising a veteran Bertie Guest and Khalsa at the back positions, impregnable.

Guest soon caught the eye yesterday with his extremely impressive performance at right-wing. His combination with Bertie Gosano (right-in) has developed into a well-known force.

The Dockyard Recreation Club almost a new team today with many of its members going home, held the Dutch Hockey Club to a draw, each side netting once.

Dockyard put up a terrific spurt of attacking which had the opposition pinned down for a good part of the game.

The Dutchmen scored first, but Dockyard drew level before half-time, after which there was no further scoring.

Navy defeated the Police team by two goals to nil scoring in both halves, the first goal being accounted for by Hankin. Police made repeated attempts to score but a more compact Navy side neutralised every effort to break through.

Full results: Khalsa 0 Recreo 0 Army 2 RAF 0 Navy 2 Police 0 HKU 2 Civil Service 4 Dockyard 1 Dutch HC 1 The YMCA-Cable and Wireless game was postponed.

5 Injured In Bus Accident

A traffic accident occurred shortly after 2 p.m. yesterday at the junction of Murray Road and Queen's Road East near Garden Road, resulting in the injuries of five passengers on board bus No. 4885.

They were taken to the Queen Hospital where they were detained for treatment. One of them was stated to be in a serious condition.

The bus was going towards Garden Road from Murray Road, when crossing the tram track, collided with an East-bound tram No. 9.

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Off For Lion Rock Peak



More than 50 persons participated in yesterday's Lion Rock mountain race. Inset (left to right) shows Chan Wong-ho who came in second, Leung Kai who came in first, and Au Dang-yim who finished third.—"China Mail" Photo.

7,000 See Freeman Win In Badminton Singles

London, March 5.

A crowd of 7,000 in Harringay Arena today saw Dr. David Freeman (U.S.A.) beat Ooi Teck Hock (Malaya) to win the men's singles in the All-England Badminton Championship by 15-1, 15-6.

Miss A. S. Jacobsen (Denmark) beat her compatriot, Miss A. Sevendsen 8-11, 11-8, 11-4, to win the women's singles.

Despite the score, Freeman, 28-year-old American, was given the hardest fight in the championships by Ooi Teck Hock, the strongest of the Malaya team.

In the first set, Freeman quickly took the first nine points when Ooi Teck Hock had just about got himself warmed up and commenced forcing Freeman to fight for each point. Service changed hands many times before Freeman could score his next two points. At this stage, Ooi won back service as with a beautiful accurate smash he took his first and only point in this set. Freeman shouted loudly "Oh, Gee!" However, Freeman, with accurate smashes, managed to win the set 15-1.

In the second set the Malayan came more into prominence and at one time was leading Freeman by five points to four. Then Ooi began to tire and allowed Freeman to force the pace to lead 8-5. Ooi then recovered but could not score again until Freeman had reached 11-5.

HIGH SCORING FEATURES GAME

High scoring featured the Inter-Hong Cricket match between Jardine's and Dodwell's at Chater Road yesterday, which ended in a draw.

Dodwell's had first lease of the wicket and were able to muster a total of 208 runs, thanks to bright batting by Simpson and Franklin, who knocked up 95 and 80, respectively.

The remaining batsmen failed badly; not one of them being able to reach double figures.

Sellers was the most successful bowler, taking eight wickets for 68 runs. Barclay dismissed two batsmen for 33 runs.

Jardine's opened disastrously, but a fine fighting innings by Hawthorn, who scored 62 before being caught and bowled by Barclay, stopped the rot. Sellers contributed a useful 35 and when stumps were drawn, Jardine's had 168 for eight.

Arthy took three wickets for 40 runs and Pereira two for 48.

DODWELL'S
Simpson, c Hawthorn, b Sellers 95
Tyndall, c Mackie, b Sellers 2
Arthy, b Barclay 108
Franklin, c and b Sellers 80
Pereira, c and b Sellers 68
Knight, lbw Sellers 0
Birley, b Sellers 1
Mackie, c Mackie, b Sellers 1
Devlin, b Barclay 1
Hamm, b Sellers 0
Hill, not out 13
Extras 13

JARDINE'S
Blott, b Arthy 8
Mackie, c Tyndall, b Pereira 8
Middleitch, b Pereira 0
Hawthorn, c and b Birley 02
Grant, b Arthy 1
Sellers, b Franklin 35
Tremlett, b Arthy 10
Mills, b Franklin 10
Barclay, not out 7
Lawrence, not out 7
Ward 0
Extras 18

Total (for 8 wks) 100

Bowling Analysis

Sellers 15 1 08 8
Barclay 10 1 33 2
Tremlett 6 0 34 0
Ward 2 0 19 0
Mills 3 0 41 0

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Franklin 10 0 30 2
Barclay 5 0 18 1
Mackie 2 0 6 0

Pork Eating In Colony

Hong Kong is a pork eating city. In January, 54,435 swine were slaughtered at the Colony's two slaughter houses.

January's figure showed that during that month the Colony consumed 9,983 more swine than the average monthly figure of last year. Total animals slaughtered in January was 58,401. This included 3,451 cattle and 605 sheep and goats.

HOTEL OWNERS TO FIGHT BILL

At a meeting of the Hong Kong Hotels' and Boarding Houses' Association at Luk Kwok Hotel yesterday, it was decided to continue its opposition against the Hotel Rates Bill which will come into effect on March 8.

Mr. Hui Yung-shing, chairman of the Association, said that it was most regrettable that no reply has been received from the Secretary of State on the matter, but attempts will be continued to fight for the withdrawal of the Bill.

"Just because certain Europeans, unable to get accommodation elsewhere owing to the general housing shortage, want the hotels to put them up indefinitely, Government turn to us and order us to provide the solution for their problems," said Mr. Hui.

There were over 80 people present, including Mr. Wong Tai-chiu, secretary of the association, and Messrs Lam Pui-sang, J.B. Gardner, Chang Lu-hang, and Choy Kam-hung.

FACTORY ACCIDENTS

Three workers were injured daily in Hong Kong's factories during January, according to official statistics.

In the same month 79 accidents were recorded in the factories. Injuries to workers were caused by contact with machinery, falls, burns, explosion, falling objects, scalds, and gassing.

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Goldsmith Wins Climb

Leung Kai, 21-year-old foki of a goldsmith shop, won the 5,000-metre Lion Rock mountain climbing contest at Kowloon City yesterday. He completed the course in 14 minutes, 10 seconds.

The 36-year-old amateur long distance runner Au Hong, who came fourth in Marathon held on January 1, was the 20th participant to pass the finishing line.

There were 51 contestants. Only one of them failed to complete the course. He collapsed half way.

The race started at 10.30 a.m. and most of the contestants reached the finishing point at the peak of Lion Rock in about 20 minutes.

Prizes were presented to the first contestants by Mr. Chun Wei-nong, chairman of the contest, at the playground near the bus terminal at Waterloo Road where they started.

Results: First, Leung Kai, finished in 14 minutes, 10 seconds; 2nd, Chang Wing-ho, finished in 14 minutes, 30 seconds; 3rd, Au Dang-him, finished in 15 minutes, 44 seconds; 4th, Fung Kok-chong, finished in 16 minutes, 50 seconds.

The Annual Academy in honour of Saint Thomas Aquinas, patron of All Catholic Schools, took place at the Dominican House of Studies, Rosaryhill, yesterday afternoon.

The occasion was attended by many, including His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Tien, Archbishop of Nanjing, Mons. C. Tsang of Honan, the Vice-General of Nanking, Mr. T. C. Baja, Consul for the Philippines in Hong Kong, and Mrs. Baja.

Representatives of the various religious congregations in the Colony were also present including the Jesuits, the Canossian Sisters, the Sisters of St. Paul, the Maryknoll Sisters of St. Dominic and the Sisters of the Precious Blood. A large number of seminarians for the priesthood from Aberdeen were also present, as well as several members of some newly-arrived Dutch Franciscans.

The opening speech was delivered by the Reverend Fr. M. Sanchez, O.P., who thanked the Reverend Fr. T. Sheridan, S.J., for his active part in the planning of the programme.

The programme commenced with an overture by the Students' Orchestra, after which there was a scholastic debate on the theological theme: between some of the Dominican students.

A talk was then made by Fr. Sheridan on "St. Thomas through the eyes of G. K. Chesterton," followed by a talk by Reverend Fr. F. Gutierrez, O.F., of St. Thomas on Beauty Culture.

In a Senior Division School soccer game at Happy Valley yesterday, St. Joseph's College continued in winning vein, beating Wah Yan College by six goals to one.

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THESE were great days for Nazi Germany. Hitler had danced his jig of joy before enforcing the humiliation of the French Armistice at Compiègne. The German Army marched triumphantly through the Arc de Triomphe and down the Champs

Elysées. What was there they could not do? Why hesitate to play out a winning hand? Thus each of the three services involved in the operation "Sealion" worked upon the hopeful factors in their own theme and left the ugly side to their companions.

As the days passed doubts and delays appeared and multiplied. Hitler's order of July 16 had laid down that all preparations were to be completed by the middle of August. All three services saw that this was impossible. And at the end of July Hitler accepted September 15 as the earliest date, reserving his decision for action until the results of the projected intensified air battle could be known.

On August 20 the Naval Staff reported that owing to a wide-spread rumour that the Germans had attempted an invasion and had suffered very heavy losses either by drowning or by being burnt in patches of sea covered with flaming oil. We took no steps to contradict such tales, which spread freely through the occupied countries in a widely exaggerated form and gave much encouragement to the oppressed populations.

Postponed

They pointed out that although the necessary naval preparations could in fact be completed by the 21st, the stipulated operational condition of undisputed air superiority over the Channel had not been achieved. On the 11th therefore Hitler postponed the preliminary order by three days, thus setting back the earliest D-day to the 24th; on the 14th he further put it off.

On the 14th Admiral Raeder expressed the view that:

(a) The present air situation does not provide conditions for carrying out the operation, as the risk is still too great.
(b) If the "Sealion" operation fails, this will mean a great gain in prestige for the British; and the powerful effect of our attacks will thus be annulled.
(c) Air attacks on England, particularly on London, must continue without interruption. If the weather is favourable an intensification of attacks is necessary over the German coast, to "Sealion." The attacks must have a decisive outcome.
(d) "Sealion," however, must not yet be cancelled, as the anxiety of the British must be kept up; if cancellation became known to the outside world, this would be a great relief to the British.

On the 17th the postponement became indisputable and for good reason, in their view as in ours. Raeder continues:

Invasion Rumours

The preparations for a landing on the Channel coast are extensively known to the enemy, who is increasingly taking counter-measures. Symptoms are, for example, operational use of his aircraft for attacks and reconnaissance over the German operational harbour, frequent appearance of destroyers off the South coast of England, in the Straits of Dover and on the France-Belgian coast, stationing of his patrol vessels off the North coast of France, Churchill's last speech, etc.

The main units of the Home Fleet are being held in readiness to repel the landing, though the majority of the units are still in Western bases. Already a large number of destroyers (over 30) have been located by air reconnaissance in the Southern and South Eastern harbours.

Available information indicates that the enemy's naval forces are solely occupied with this theatre of operations. During August the corpses of about 40 German soldiers were washed up at scattered points along the coast between the Isle of Wight and Cornwall. The Germans had been practicing embarkations in the barges along the French coast. Some of these barges put out to sea in order to escape British bombing and were sunk.

ment announced that it had frustrated a Communist plot to assassinate Marshal Pibul, and a state of emergency was declared. The Government was thus fully on the alert when the Popular Party arose.

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Captured Spies

On September 7 the information before us showed that the Western and Southern movement of barges and small ships to ports between Ostend and Havre was in progress, and that an assembly harbour was under heavy British air attack. It was not likely the ships would be brought to them until shortly before the actual attempt. The striking strength of the German Air Force between Amsterdam and Brest had been increased by the transfer of 100 bomber aircraft from Norway; and short-range dive-bomber units were observed on the forward airfields in the Pas de Calais area.

Four Germans captured a few days earlier after landing from a rowing-boat on the South East coast had confessed to being spies, and said that they were to be sent at any time during the next fortnight to report the movement of British reserve formations in the area Ipswich-London-Reading-Oxford. Moon and tide conditions between the 8th and 10th of September were favourable for invasion on the South East coast. On this the Chiefs of Staff concluded the possibility of invasion had become imminent and that the defence forces should stand by at immediate notice.

Code Warning

There was, however, at that time no machinery at G.H.Q. Home Forces by which the existing eight hours' notice for readiness could be brought to "readiness for immediate action" by intermediate stages. The code-word "Cromwell," which meant "invasion imminent," was therefore issued by Home Forces at 8 p.m. September 7, to the Eastern and Southern Commands, implying action stations for the forward coastal divisions. It was also sent to all formations in the London area and to the 4th and 7th Armies in C.I.C. Region. It was requested for information to all other commands in the United Kingdom.

On this, in some parts of the country, the Home Guard Commanders, acting on their own initiative, called out the Home Guard by ringing the church bells. This led to rumours of enemy paratrooper landings and also that German E-boats were approaching the coast. Neither I nor the Chiefs of Staff were aware that the decisive code word "Cromwell" had been used, and the next morning instructions were given to devise intermediate stages by which vigilance could be increased on future occasions without declaring an invasion imminent. Even on receipt of the code-word "Cromwell" the Home Guard were not to be called out except for special tasks; and also church bells were to be rung only by order of a Home Guard who had himself seen as many as 25 parachutists landing, and not because other bells had been heard or for any other reason.

Fateful Months

As may be imagined, the incident caused a great deal of talk and stir, but no mention of it was made in the newspapers or Parliament. It served as a useful tonic and rehearsal for all concerned. Having traced the German invasion preparations steadily mounting to climax, we have seen how the early mood of triumph changed gradually to one of doubt and finally to complete loss of confidence in the fact already destroyed in 1940, and despite the revival of the project in 1941, it never again

Command and the British Chiefs of Staff, and also between the Fuehrer and the author of this book, became more definitely pronounced. If we could have agreed equally well about other matters, there need have been no war.

It was, of course, common ground between us that all depended upon the battle in the air. The question was how this would end between the combatants; and in addition the Germans wondered whether the British people would stand up to the air bombardment, the effect of which in these days was greatly exaggerated, or whether they would crumple and force His Majesty's Government to capitulate. About this, Reichsmarshal Goering had

high hopes, and we had no reason to doubt them. During June and early July, 1940, the German Air Force received and regrouped its formations and established itself on all the French and Belgian airfields from which the assault had to be launched, and by reconnaissance and tentative forays sought to measure the character and scale of the opposition which would be encountered. It was not until July 10 that the first heavy onslaught began, and this date is usually taken as the opening of the battle. Two other dates of supreme consequence stand out, August 15 and September 15.

There were also three successive but overlapping phases in the German attack. First, from July 10 to August 18, the harrying of British convoys in the Channel and of our Southern ports from Dover to Plymouth; whereby our Air Force should be tested, drawn into battle, and depleted; whereby also damage should be done to those seaside towns marked as objectives for the forthcoming invasion.

Second Phase

In the second phase, August 24 to September 27, a way to London was to be forced by the elimination of the Royal Air Force and its installations, leading to the violent and continuous bombing of the capital. This would also cut communications with the threatened shores. But in Goering's view there was good reason to believe that a greater prize was here in sight, no less than throwing the world's largest city into confusion and paralysis, the cowering of the Government and the people, and their consequent submission to the German will. The Navy and Army Staffs devoutly hoped that Goering was right. As the situation developed, they saw that the R.A.F. was not being eliminated, and meanwhile their own urgent needs for the "Sealion" adventure were neglected for the sake of destruction in London.

And then, when all were disappointed, when invasion was indefinitely postponed for lack of the vital need, air supremacy, there followed the third and last phase. The hope of daylight victory had faded, the Royal Air Force remained vexatiously alive, and Goering in October resigned himself to the indiscriminate bombing of London and the centres of industrial production.

In the quality of the fighter aircraft there was little to choose. The Germans were faster, with a better rate of climb; ours more manoeuvrable, better armed. Their airmen, well aware of their greater numbers, were also the proud victors of Poland, Norway, the Low Countries, France; ours had supreme confidence in themselves as individuals and that determination which the British race displays in fullest measure when in supreme adversity. One important strategic advantage the Germans enjoyed and skillfully used: their forces were deployed on many and widely-spread bases whence they could concentrate upon us in great strengths and with feints and deceptions as to the true points of attack.

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(To Be Continued Tomorrow)



So Molotov has at last been vetoed.

And Leighton Hill is falling down.—At least superficially. That wry grin you saw from non-civil servants was merely a cheerful sign that all is well with the taxpayers.

"Pinched woman." No, no, Myrtle, that wasn't the rape case. You're looking at the wrong page.

Hong Kong agent to young couple after so long—"Yes, I do."

—No money. Would you like to come out and see if the building is still standing?

One of our contemporaries was ordering a new comic strip the other day, and told the syndicate representatives: "We want something with some red meat in it. It isn't for number-punches, it's for bloodthirsty children."

Our woman's page editor wrote a correspondent the other day, and it wasn't until the letter was sent off that she noticed that the carbon copy actually read: "Although I get hundreds of letters and telephone calls each week, I take a personal interest in every one."

An 80-year-old British emigrant has arrived in Australia. Looks like the publicity department has been overdoing that Land of Opportunity stuff.

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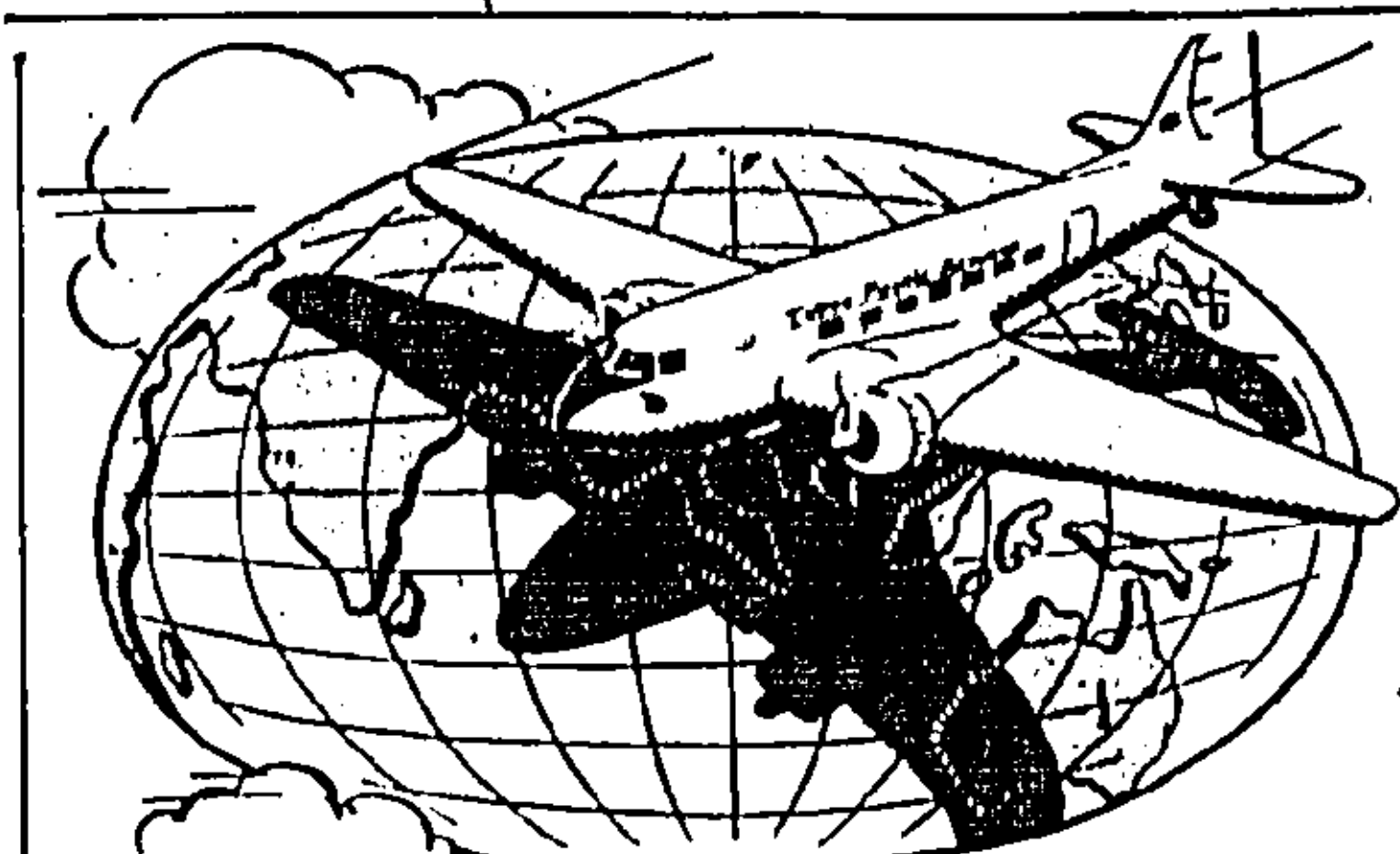
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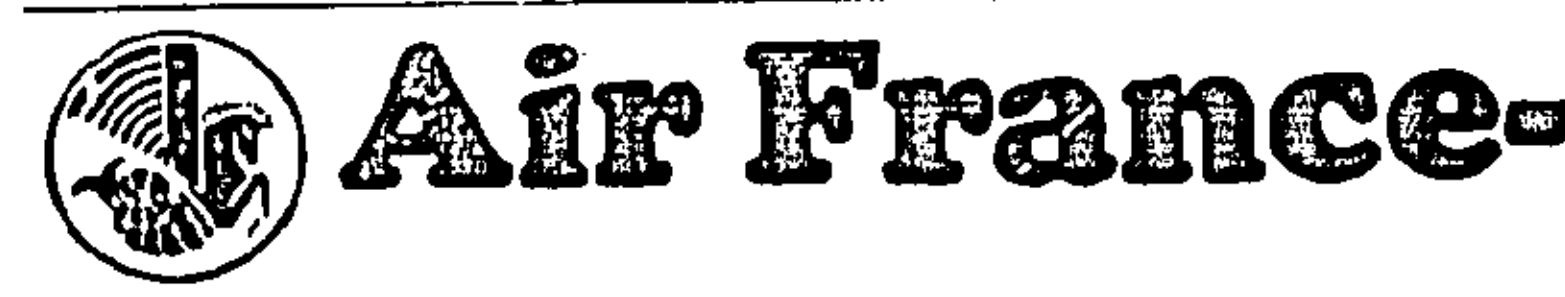
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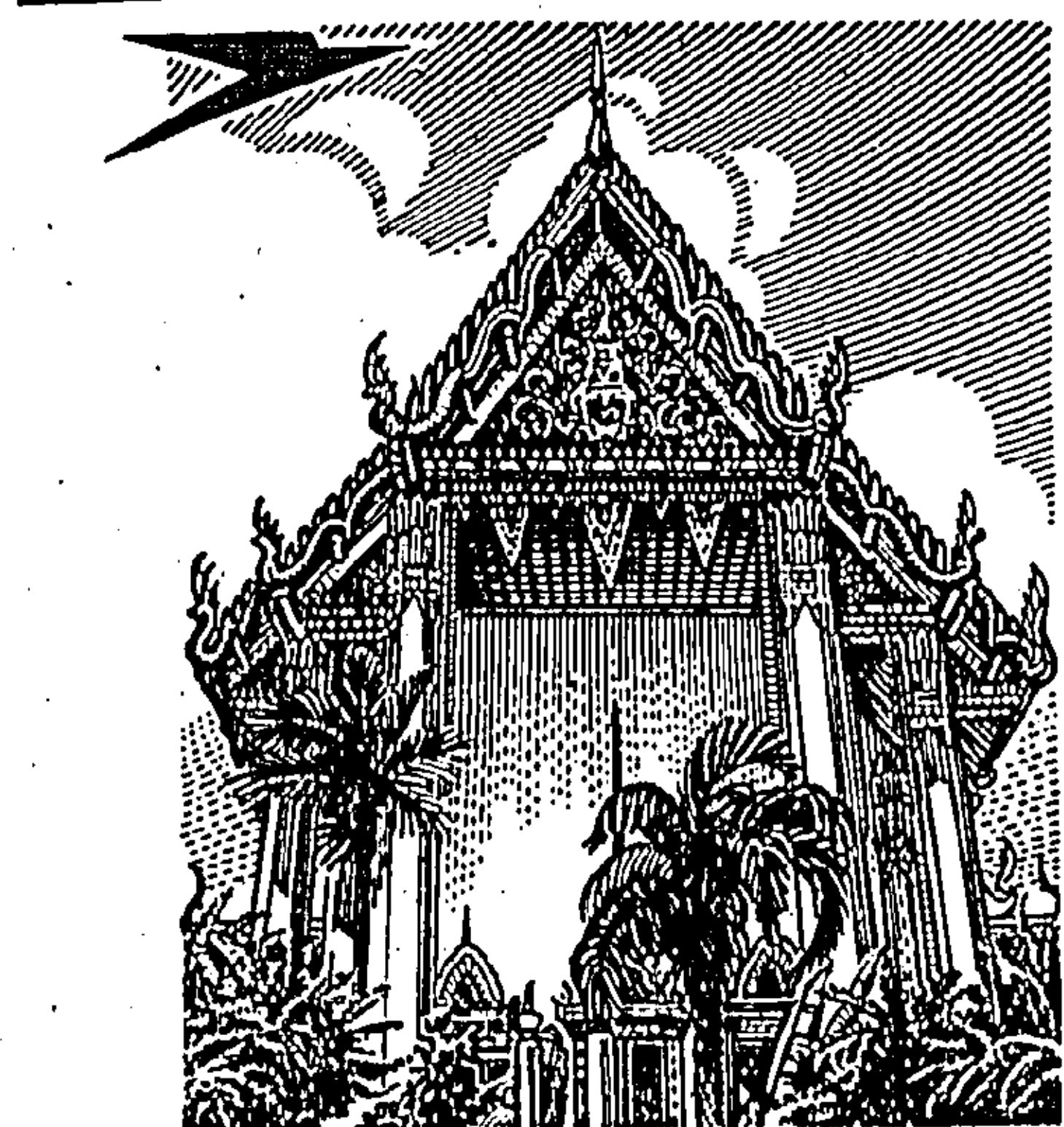


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"THE BIG MYSTERY"

World Discusses Moscow Ministerial Changes

CONFLICTING OPINIONS

London, March 5.

Opinion is hardening in London that the replacement of M. Molotov by M. Vyshinsky as Soviet Foreign Minister is a matter of internal Soviet organisation rather than any sensational dismissal of M. Molotov.

Failure Of Soviet Policy

London, March 6. Mr. Richard Crossman, Labour Member of Parliament, declared in the "Sunday Pictorial" that the appointment of M. Vyshinsky as Foreign Minister in place of M. Molotov is an admission of the failure of Russian policy in Europe.

Mr. Crossman wrote: "It is now clear beyond the shadow of a doubt that in coming to break the Marshall Plan M. Molotov accepted what he feared."

"The fact, for instance, that Denmark as well as Norway is discussing the Atlantic Pact is a humiliating defeat for Russia. No wonder the Kremlin decided it was time to change."

"But the appointment of M. Vyshinsky does not mean Russia will suddenly become conciliatory."

"Vyshinsky has shown himself an outstanding figure at the United Nations, both in diplomacy and debate."

"He will remain an adversary. But instead of Molotov's mullah obstinacy we may expect more opportunist dashing methods."—Reuter.

SINGAPORE'S DEATH RATE

Singapore, March 6. The death rate for Singapore in 1948 was the lowest ever recorded. It dropped from 14.30 in 1947 to 13.45 last year.

Infant mortality fell from 97.60 per thousand in 1947 to 90.10 last year.

The Deputy President, W. L. Blythe, reported to the City Commissioners that Singapore was singularly free of dangerous and infectious diseases. There was also a marked improvement in the standard of cleanliness.—Associated Press.



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A Foreign Office spokesman declined to make any official comment, but it is clear that British officials are not hurrying to the conclusion that M. Molotov has been dismissed, or that a fundamental change in Soviet foreign policy is about to take place.

The fact that M. Mikoyan, the Foreign Trade Minister, has also been replaced suggests that these two Elder Statesmen, always regarded as trusted collaborators of Generalissimo Stalin, will concentrate on the formation of Politburo policy.

To do this, they would have to hand over day-to-day work at their Ministries to subordinate officials.

Some British students of Soviet affairs see indications that the change may be simply an administrative reorganisation. On this interpretation, M. Molotov and M. Mikoyan have been promoted, not demoted.

By being relieved of departmental duties, they will have more time for policy-making at the highest level.

The two Elder Statesmen will also be able to take some of the strain from Generalissimo Stalin, who will be 70 this year.

M. Vyshinsky could hardly have gained influence at M. Molotov's expense in Moscow, since he has not been in Moscow but in Czechoslovakia. On his face, his appointment to the Foreign Ministry would indicate a lowering of the status of that Ministry rather than promotion for M. Vyshinsky.

A Riddle

Similarly, there has been no indication that M. Menshikov carried any such weight in the inner Councils as to allow him any chance of ousting M. Mikoyan. On the contrary, the evidence was that M. Mikoyan carried great weight.

London observers feel that the form of the announcement from Moscow as well as its timing, might have been calculated to keep foreign opinion guessing. At a time when the conclusion of the Atlantic Union and the formation of a West German Government are imminent, Moscow might well wish to keep world opinion on tenterhooks by offering a riddle, carrying possibly a change of policy.

One possible advantage of M. Vyshinsky's appointment is that he has so far not been personally involved in the negotiations between the Soviet Union and the Western democracies over Berlin. Some officials who attended the last session of the United Nations in Paris believe that M. Vyshinsky favoured a settlement of the Berlin crisis.

If, as a result of the resolute attitude of the Western powers and the maintenance of the airlift, Moscow decided it is to her advantage to come to some temporary settlement over Berlin, it might be easier for M. Vyshinsky than for M. Molotov to handle the change in policy.

Wait And See

World comment today on the replacement of M. Molotov by M. Vyshinsky varies from suggestions that he has been dismissed to suggestions that he has been promoted to take over some of Generalissimo Stalin's duties.

Only in Russia itself is the change "back-page news." The radio announcement, scheduled late last night into the routine dictation speed broadcast, was ignored by today's news bulletins and given two short sentences at the end of the fifth.

All Soviet papers carry only the brief official announcement on their back pages.

In London, the general attitude to what is described as "the big mystery" is one of watchful waiting with frequent suggestions that new Russian moves are to be expected.

Reuter reports the following reaction from world centres: Washington: Three possible reasons for the change are put forward in diplomatic circles: that M. Molotov has been promoted to take over some of Generalissimo Stalin's tasks, that ill health has forced him to retire, or that he has been removed because of his intransigent opposition to a peace settlement with the United States.

American official quarters and party leaders decline direct comment. There is some speculation in Congressional circles that Russia might be preparing some military move, possibly towards Scandinavia.

New York: Most correspondents predict that the game will be the same but the tactics tougher.



Andrei Vyshinsky, who replaces M. Molotov as Stalin's Commissar for Foreign Affairs.

Merely A Change In Tactics?

Prague, March 5. Well-informed Czechoslovak sources said today that the appointment of Mr. Andrei Vyshinsky as the Soviet Foreign Minister probably indicates a change in tactics rather than a change in the basic Soviet foreign policy.

One Czechoslovak official said: "It is quite possible that Mr. Vyshinsky is more suited to carry out foreign policy in the near future."

Czechoslovak quarters, including minor officials of the Communist Party, appear to have been taken as much by surprise as Western diplomats.

The man in the street in Prague learned nothing of the change through morning newspapers since the Soviet Tass news agency announcement did not come in time to catch the final editions.

In Budapest, officials flatly refuse to comment and the news was carried in afternoon newspapers. No reason is given for withholding its publication.—United Press.

CLAIMS HE CAN PRODUCE LIVING 'MISSING LINK'

Munich March 5. Heinrich Heck, director of the Munich Zoo, said today that he can produce a living "missing link" if he tries.

Middle Of Road Policy Advocated

Columbus, Ohio, March 5. Mr. Francis B. Sayre, predicting that Russia will turn on the heat as a result of its Foreign Ministry shake-up, today called on the United States to answer with a middle course policy other than compromise or war.

Mr. Sayre, member of the United States mission to the United Nations in the Trusteeship Council, outlined a four-point foreign policy programme of the United States.

The programme included: development of United Nations support of the European Recovery Programme and the Western European Union, an effective North Atlantic security pact and aggressive action to spread the basic principles of human freedom.

He said that since the end of the war half a billion people in 12 countries have been subjugated by Russian methods of terrorism and fear.—United Press.

SILENT ZONES A FAILURE

Singapore, March 6. A campaign to ban the sounding of motorcar horns failed in Singapore. The City Commissioners decided that enforcement would be too much a strain on police officials.—Associated Press.

Gromyko Now Chief Deputy Minister

Moscow, March 5. The Soviet Council of Ministers has appointed M. Andrei Gromyko as First Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Tass, the Soviet official news agency, announced tonight.

M. Gromyko now fills the post vacated by M. Vyshinsky, whose appointment as Foreign Minister was announced last night. The appointment of M. Gromyko was announced in a Tass message and almost simultaneously by Moscow Radio for the Soviet provincial press. It was broadcast at dictation speed in a single sentence of 11 words.

M. Gromyko has, like M. Vyshinsky, come prominently before the public by reason of his speeches at the Security Council. Besides acting as the chief Soviet delegate to the United Nations on many occasions, he was also one of the Soviet Union's Deputy Foreign Ministers, but now becomes the chief of these.

M. Gromyko was appointed Soviet Ambassador to the United States in succession to M. Litvinov in August, 1943, and held this post until April, 1945.—Reuter.

RUSSIAN POLICY STILL THE SAME, PAPER'S WARNING

New York, March 6.

As long as the Communist dictatorship remains it will be by nature an international conspiracy of tyranny, threatening the liberties and peace of the world.

This comment on the Moscow changes appears in the Scripps-Howard press today.

"To read into this shake-up a change in basic policy is to confuse the purpose and method of Communist strategy and tactics. Whether the removal of Molotov as Foreign Minister and Mikoyan as Foreign Trade Minister presages new tactics remains to be seen."

"For several months there have been signs of the failure of current Soviet moves, except in the Far East. A frontal attack has failed to wreck the Marshall Plan, failed to drive the Allies out of Berlin and the Ruhr, failed to conquer Greece or frighten Turkey or penetrate Iran, and failed to fasten Communism on France or Italy."

"It had the opposite effects of awakening and consolidating the democracies, of forcing a Western European defence union and an Atlantic pact."

"Nevertheless, this logical case for a shift to milder tactics—of which the recent Stalin peace offensive was a possible forerunner—does not necessarily mean a period of temporary Soviet retreat."

"War Preparation?" "It might mean even more desperate tactics preparatory to war before the West has time to perfect its democratic defenses."

"Far more important than any temporary shift in foreign tactics is the question of internal Kremlin power. During all these years Stalin has kept Molotov as second in command and therefore as a potential successor."

"If Molotov should be deposed from that position, it would indicate a high-level break in the hierarchy of internal weakness and crisis. But there is no indication of that yet."—United Press.

BRITAIN'S ARCTIC WEATHER

London, March 5.

The London Meteorological Office today forecast Arctic weather for Britain this week-end.

With the country already in the grip of a cold spell, much of the North and West was today blanketed by snow. Some of Saturday afternoon's football matches and horse races had to be abandoned.

In Scotland snow was reported from many areas, with blizzards in some. In Aberdeenshire, blizzards halted the thrashing of barley for whisky distilling.

Heavy snow fell in Lancashire and the Lake District, thickly blanketing the mountains and high ground.

Italy's normally "sunny South" continued to shiver with intense cold today.

Messina in Sicily had its heaviest snowfall since 1911. A train is reported blocked in a snowdrift near Loece.

Snow, unknown in living memory in Malta, has fallen twice on the island this week—on Thursday and today.

Trees and roads were white, but only momentarily. About 1,000 people have been evacuated from their homes flooded by the swollen Boyer River in Iowa.

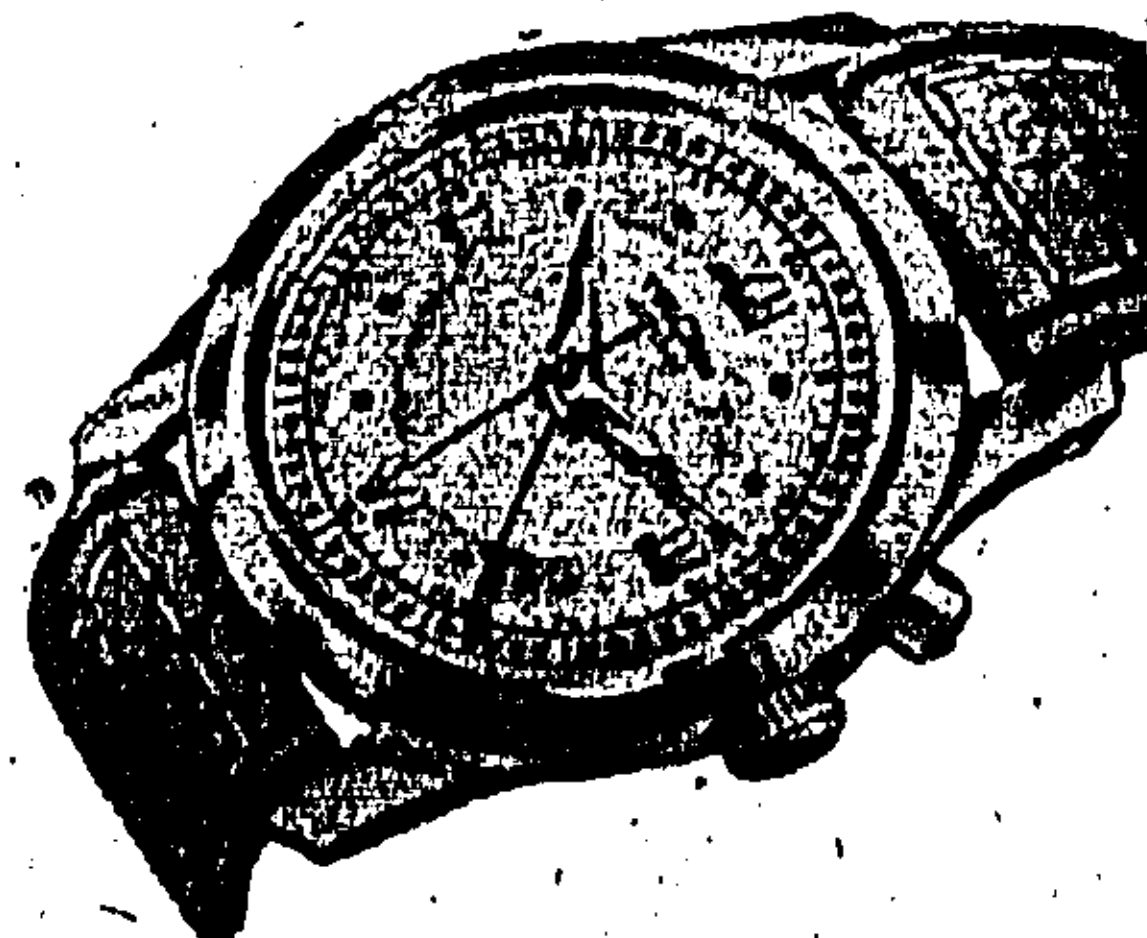
A third of the Missouri Valley (population 4,000) was flooded when the river burst through a dyke East of the town. Snow was falling tonight in London and over a large area of England.—Reuter.

TOO FAST FOR LOVER'S LANE

Thames Ditton, March 6. Thames Ditton Church, which owns a footpath called Lover's Lane, has decided to close it. The Rev. H. R. Wilds, Vicar, made no objection to the lovers. But he said: "Cyclists have turned Lover's Lane into a race-track."—Associated Press.

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The photo shows the French Convent School, Causeway Bay.



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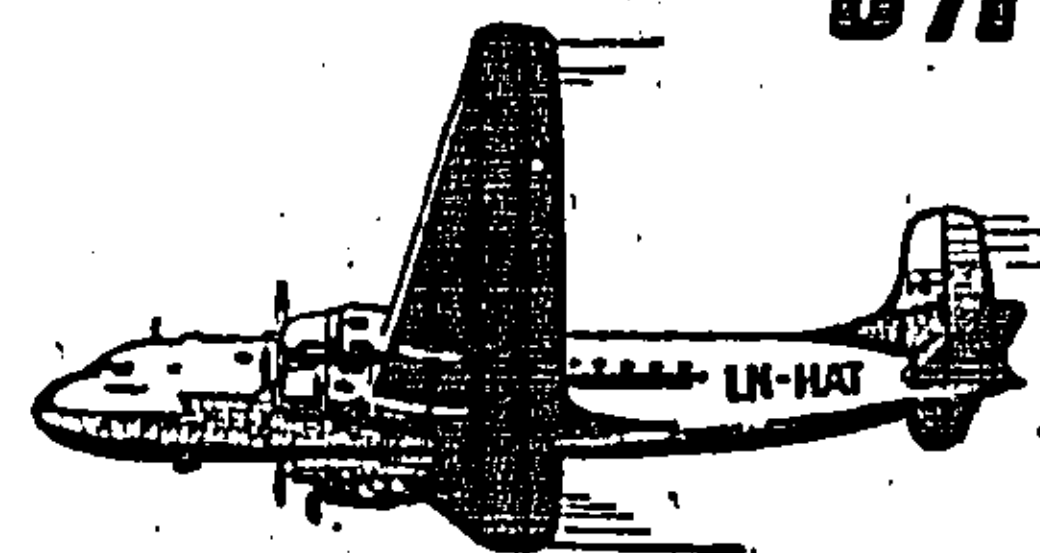
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Got Good Service In Moscow

New York, March 6. A Roman Catholic priest, just back from Moscow, says he got better service in the Soviet capital than the American Embassy.

The Rev. George Antonio, who made the comment on his arrival here by plane.

During his three years in the Soviet Union, that he was allowed to travel where he wished, and that he knew of no restrictions placed on Roman Catholics in Moscow.

Father Loberge is Apostolic Administrator and Chaplain of Roman Catholic Americans in the Soviet capital.

He said there are probably several thousand Roman Catholics in Moscow. He said he and a French associate, the Rev. John Thomas, got better service than the others. He said he may remain out of the Soviet Union until March 20. Associated Press.

WRECKED B-29 SIGHTED IN PI

Fort Worth, Texas, March 6. Radio reports to Major-General Roger Ramey, Eighth U.S. Air Force Commander, indicate a missing B-29 bomber has been found in a mountain range 10 miles east of Manila.

The flying tanker has been found in a mountain range 10 miles east of Manila. The reports added that Filipinos living in the area had told of seeing the tanker flying over the mountain range. Associated Press.

Radio reports to General Ramey said the pilot of a small search plane reported he had sighted wreckage of a bomber on a mountainside. The reports added that Filipinos living in the area had told of seeing the tanker flying over the mountain range. Associated Press.

Moscow, March 5. Generalissimo Stalin today received the Korean Government delegation visiting Moscow.

The delegation arrived here on Thursday and was ceremoniously welcomed at the rail station by high officials, including the Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs, Mr. Andrei Gromyko. Mr. Andrei Vyshinsky, who assumed office as Foreign Minister today, was present in that capacity at Stalin's reception of the Koreans.

In London, Moscow Radio was heard saying that the guerilla movement against the "American puppet government" in South Korea is spreading.

The broadcast, quoting the North Korean radio, said: "The guerillas demand the withdrawal of American troops from Korea."

It claimed that the guerillas operating in Southern Korea captured much booty on March 1, including American machine guns, rifles and ammunition.

The broadcast said the United States-sponsored Government of Korea in the meantime continues wholesale arrests. United Press.

The Curfew Caught Him

Shanghai, March 6. If it hadn't been for the 11 p.m. curfew, Hsu Ait-sen might have got away with murder.

Police said he became angry at his wife and stabbed her to death when he heard she had met another man.

The stabbing took place shortly before curfew time. Hsu shouted to flee and then rushed to the curfew. He lunged and neighbours grabbed him and held him for police.

Otherwise he might easily have lost himself in this city of 6,000,000 Chinese. Associated Press.

Karachi, March 5. The Fakir of Pipli lost 50 men in an attack supported with mortars and light machine-guns on Thal Fort in Pakistan territory, Pakistan General Headquarters announced in Karachi today. Associated Press.

Red Army's Views On 'Peace' Move

Moscow, March 5. The Soviet Army organ, "Red Star," today hailed as developments in the growing peace movement, statements by Communist leaders in several countries that they would support Russia in case of war.

A "Red Star" commentator bracketed with the inevitability of growing forces for peace what he called unmistakable signs of an impending economic crisis which would compel the capitalist world to seek to increase its aggressive powers.

The commentator referred to peace meetings and demonstrations in all parts of the world, and continued: "How the ranks of the friends of peace have grown in opposition to international reaction is evidenced by recent statements of Communist leaders in France, Italy, England, Germany, Norway and Mexico."

"Through these voices," the commentator continued, "the Communist parties, leading the struggle of their peoples for peace and democracy, have declared that the workers of these countries will oppose actively any attempts by international reaction to organize an assault against the Soviet Union."

"The position of the enemies of mankind who are preparing new and bloody adventures becomes more and more precarious," United Press.

NOT SUITABLE

Georgetown, March 5. A survey has disclosed at British Guiana and Venezuela are not suitable places for settlement of any of the 300,000 refugees from Northern Iraq and Palestine now in Syria.

The Reverend H. S. Shayne, Roman Catholic Missionary, who conducted the survey of the two countries, said in Georgetown that financial and climatic conditions are not suitable for the refugees. Associated Press.

Concessions By Strachey

London, March 6. Eggs and milk will be ration free this Spring for the first time since 1941, the Food Minister, John Strachey, said yesterday.

He added, however: "I am not claiming that this is more than temporary." Present egg and milk rations seek to guarantee every infant one egg and a pint of milk a day and every adult about one egg and two and a half pints of milk a week. Extra supplies sometimes are available above the rationed maximum. Associated Press.

JOINT NAVAL MANOEUVRES

Halifax, March 5. The Canadian aircraft carrier Magnificent sailed for the Caribbean today to participate in war games with ships from the United States and Britain.

It was accompanied by two destroyers, and will be joined in the Caribbean by units of Canada's West Coast fleet. United Press.

One Of Wonders Of The World

Berlin, March 5. The Berlin airlift is described by Mr. Clement Attlee, the Prime Minister, as one of the wonders of the world.

He had just completed a whirlwind six-hour tour of the city, including a visit to the American Tempelhof Airport and the British airlift terminal at Gatow.

His tour ended just before a heavy snowstorm began to hamper airlift operations. Mr. Attlee arrived in Berlin last night for a 36-hour visit, his first for three and a half years.

At a brief press conference, Mr. Attlee said he saw some improvements since he was last in Berlin for the signing of the Potsdam Agreement. "I notice now there are smiles on the faces of the people," he said.

Mr. Attlee drove through sunlit streets lightly powdered with snow as he began his tour of the city. He was accompanied by the British Military Governor, General Sir Brian Robertson, and Lord Henderson, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State in the Foreign Office with special responsibility for the British Zone of Germany.

Holland Missed A Chance In 1945, Says Javanese Leader

New York, March 6.

The first Premier of the Indonesian Republic said today that the Dutch missed a chance in 1945 to ensure peaceful co-operation between the Netherlands and the East Indies.

Soetan Sjahrir's account of Dutch colonial policy was published today by the John Day Company under the title "Out of Exile." The book is mainly about the Republican leader's life, and reflections, in Dutch internment camps.

It ends with a short recital of the wartime years when the Dutch were themselves in Japanese prison camps, and of events since the Netherlands again took power.

The Japanese, he said, were first welcomed as "liberators" from the Dutch. Hated of the Japanese became so strong that when they were beaten, the Indonesian attitude toward the Dutch who gradually came out of the camps was definitely neutral if not friendly.

Sjahrir reported that within a few weeks, however, the Dutch were seeking the destruction of the Indonesian Republic that was proclaimed during the Japanese surrender.

"Japanese, Eurasian, and later especially Ambonese soldiers of the Netherlands colonial army," he said, "rode around the city of Batavia in military vehicles shooting with automatic weapons at practically anything they thought was Republican without asking any questions."

Changed Attitude

"From then on, hatred against the Netherlands and the returning Netherlands Indies Civil Administration began."

"Throughout the country the attitude toward the Dutch changed and violence against them flared up. The struggle crystallized into the protection and maintenance of the Republic's freedom against the colonialism that sought to return and nullify that hard-won freedom."

Peace was restored by the Lingardjati Agreement, but Sjahrir said: "By the use of artificial interpretations, after the initialing of the draft agreement, they (the Dutch) tried to retract the commitments they had made. And the more troops they sent to Indonesia the more just they found their own interpretation."

"Our struggle has reached a new phase. Our ultimate victory against the Netherlands and the returning Netherlands Indies Civil Administration began."

Minds Not Made Up In Batavia

Batavia, March 5. A final decision on whether the Republicans will go to the Hague round table conference or not appears to be at least a week off.

Leaders of the non-Republican States sitting in the Federal Consultative Assembly in Batavia said they favour prolonged contact with the exiled Republicans on the matter.

It was officially announced that they wish to talk over the invitation with Dr. Hatta and Dr. Soekarno again on March 11 just one day before the conference is due to convene in Holland.

A six-man contact Committee representing the Assembly conferred with the Republicans at Bangkok earlier in the week and brought back a report which was discussed at closed sessions in Batavia for three days.

Officials refuse to say what took place but it is learned reliably that there is strong backing in the Assembly of a plan for re-establishing the Republicans in Jugakarta as they are reported to have demanded.

This will not meet with Dr. L. J. M. Bee's approval. The Assembly finally adjourned until next Thursday without taking formal action. Associated Press.

Strike Call Just Politics

Trichinopoly, March 5. The General Secretary of the All-India Railwaymen's Federation, Mr. S. Guruswamy, tonight called on railwaymen in India to actively dissociate themselves from the proposed Communist led strike.

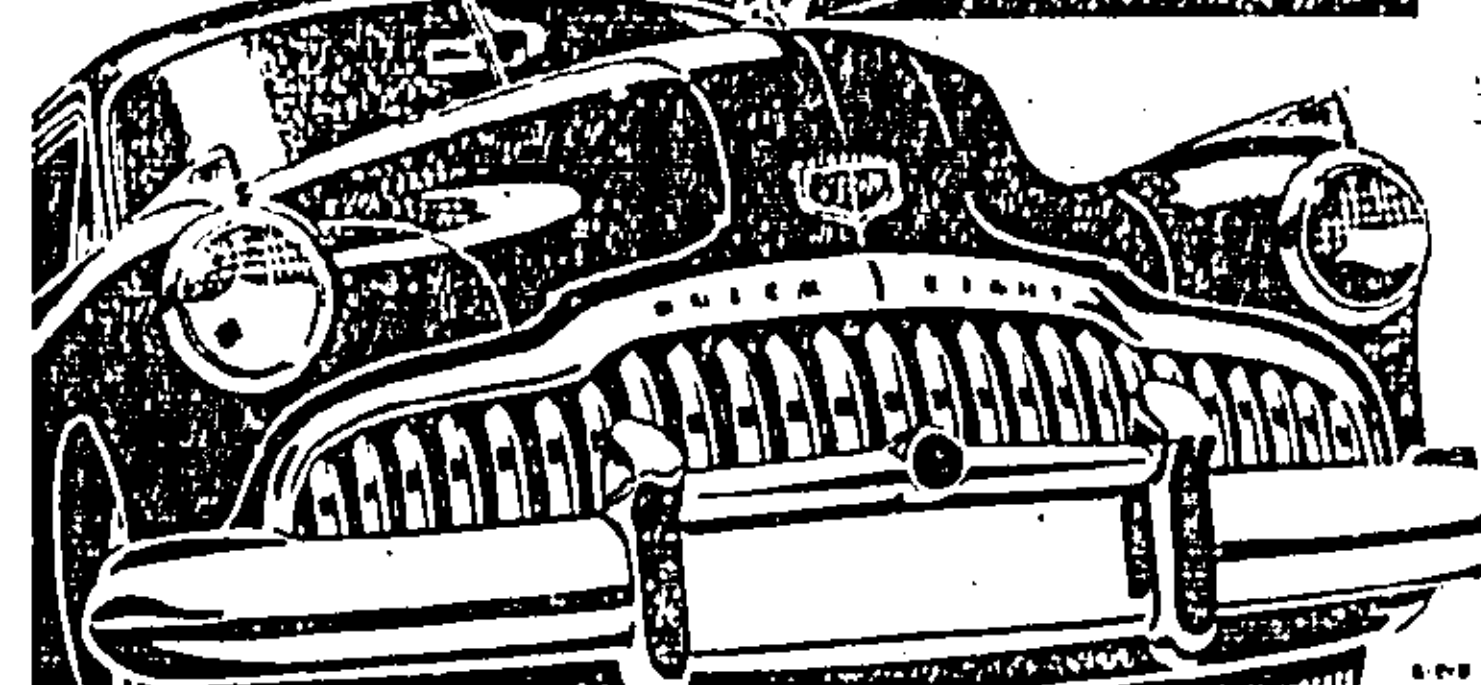
Addressing a public meeting, he said: "The proposed unauthorized strike is not intended for the betterment of railwaymen but to serve the political ends of the Indian Communists."

In Calcutta today, police took charge of all guns and ammunition from dealers in firearms. The move is understood to be a precautionary measure in view of the proposed strike. Reuter.

HARD BOILED?

Morton Kirby, March 6. Leisurely burglars boiled and ate three eggs in Miss Queenie Barber's cottage while she slept. Associated Press.

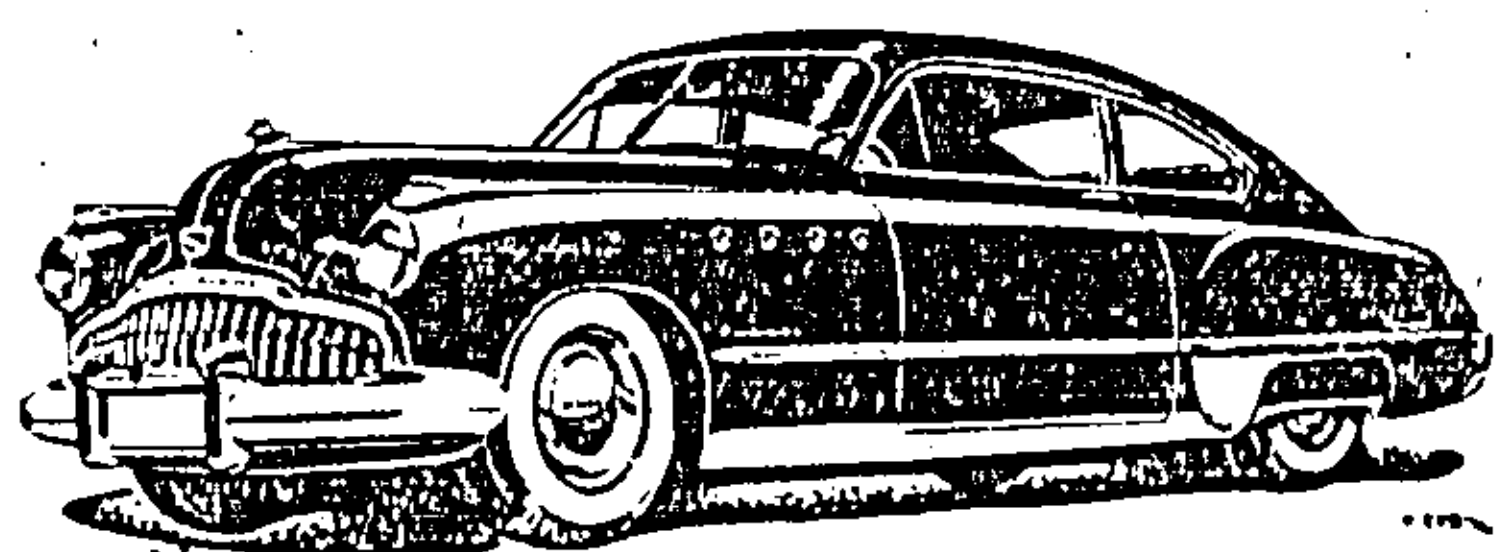
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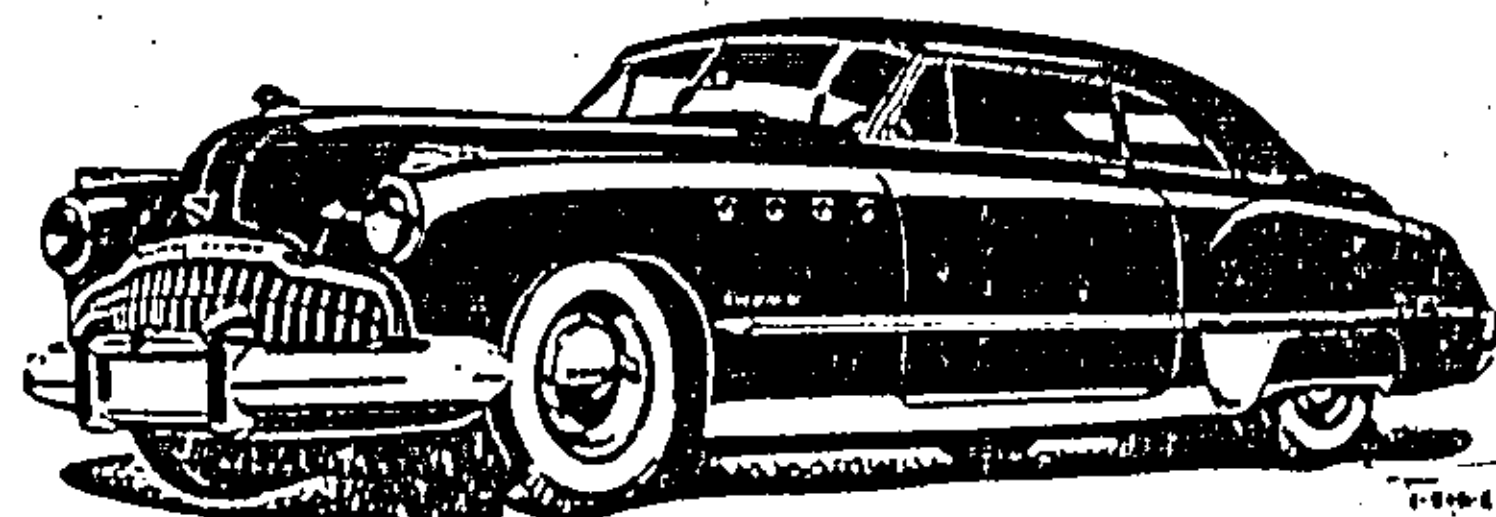
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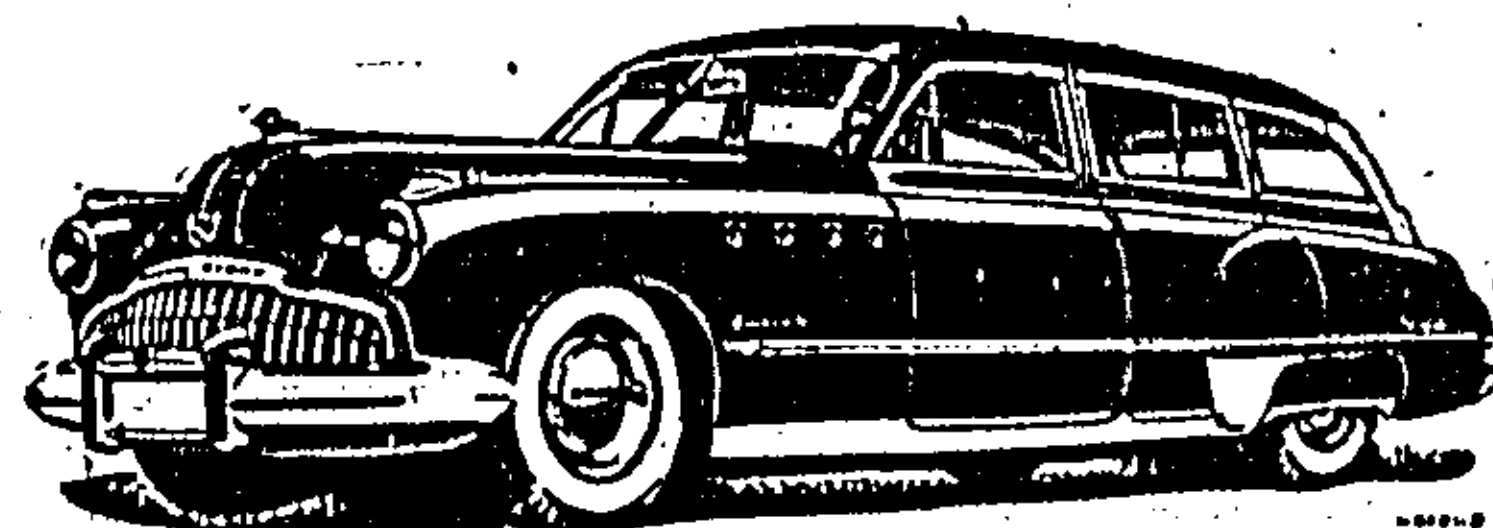


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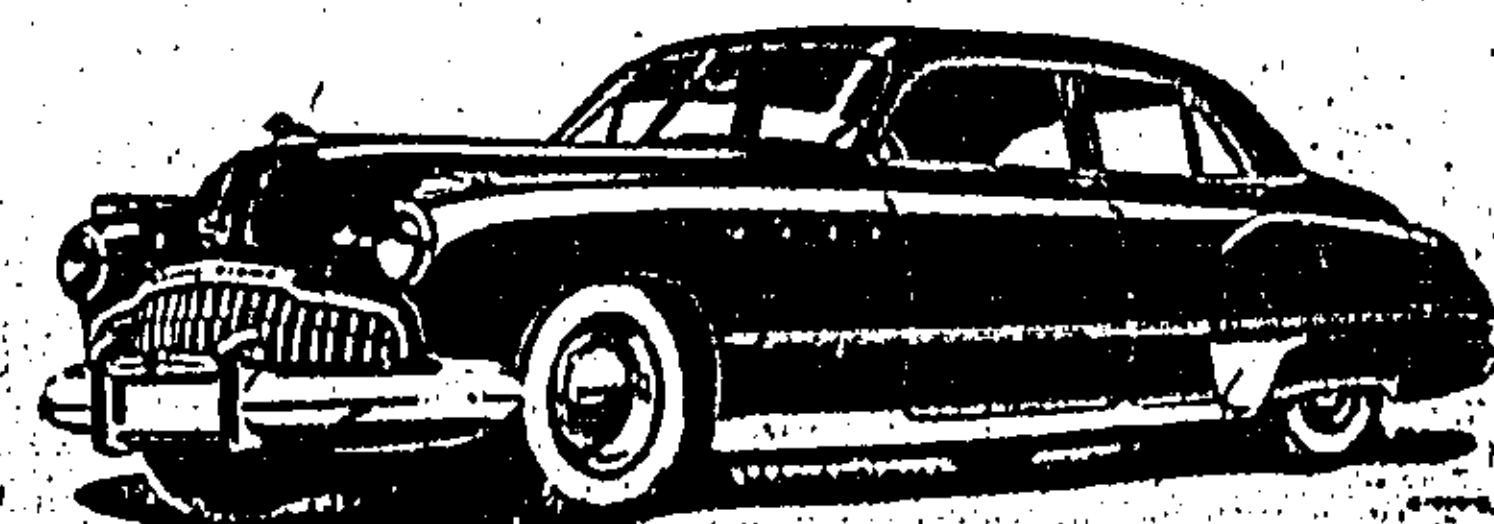
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RAF BLOWS UP FORTS IN DESERT

Aden, March 5.
Royal Air Force planes have blown up Arab forts along the Northern borders of the Aden Protectorate, the South Western Frontier, and the South Eastern Frontier in the Yemen.

Imam Ahmed, King of the Yemen, a neighbouring Arab Kingdom, is stated to have crushed the revolt and beheaded 33 rebel leaders of the Ruzas tribes in the past week—27 in his capital at Sana'a and six at Ta'iz, close to the Aden border.

Some tribesmen have fled into British territory and the RAF is reported to have dropped leaflets to the tribesmen of the Wadi Khura, at the Eastern end of the Protectorate, warning them that punishment will be inflicted on them if they harbour Yemenite refugees.

Informed quarters here believe a general uprising in the Yemen to be possible.

Conditions there have been unsettled since the murder of Imam Yahya last year.

The British Protectorate is bordered on the North East by the Hadramaut area, where the RAF has been "building" food to famine areas. The famine there and a general shortage throughout Southern Arabia have led to frontier uneasiness.—Reuter.

Hangmen Went On Strike

Frankfurt, March 5.
A former prison chaplain, who gave last spiritual comfort to thousands of the victims of Gestapo terror, told a German jury here that overworked Nazi hangmen went on a 24-hour strike in September, 1943.

The chaplain, Peter Buchholz, said that in a single night in September, 1943, 187 people were executed at Flossenbürg. Then the executed hangmen refused to continue their work. After a 24-hour break, the executions were resumed.

The chaplain was testifying in the first war crimes trial before a German jury. Accused are three former leading employees of the German "Society for Pest Extermination."

The men are charged with complicity in the murder of 300,000 inmates of Auschwitz and other concentration camps by having delivered "Cyclone B" poison gas to the camps.—Reuter.

HOPE ABANDONED FOR SHIP

Leeds, March 5.
The owner of a missing 800-ton Greek coaster, Ioannis, Mr. Samaras, of London, returned here today after a fruitless search by air over the North Sea, the British and Danish coasts, and the Frisian Islands. He has given up all hope. His brother was the skipper of the Ioannis, which left Hull on February 25 for Kiel with a crew of six British and six Greek sailors.

He said that after today he would have to presume the Ioannis had struck a mine and sunk.—Reuter.

NAZIS LET OFF

Duesseldorf, March 5.
A German court today acquitted the former Gauleiter of Duesseldorf, Friedrich Karl Florian, and two former high police officials.

They had been accused of causing the death of the police commander of Duesseldorf the day before the entry of American troops in April, 1945.—Reuter.

MOCK ATOM BOMB CAUSES SINKINGS

Washington, March 5.
A mock atom bomb dropped today on the United States Navy Task Force now on manoeuvres in the Caribbean caused heavy damage and sinkings, Admiral W. H. P. Blandy reported in a despatch to Washington.

The bomb, carrying a charge of 500 lbs. of T.N.T., was dropped from a navy plane and exploded under water. The explosion closely resembled the Bikini atom bomb test in miniature.

Admiral Blandy, commanding the Task Force, reported: "There is no doubt that some of the ships are to be pulled out of action as a result of the heavy damage or sinkings which the nearest ones would undoubtedly have sustained."

The bomb exploded under water near the centre of a large

New York, March 5.
A Russian employee of the United Nations and a United States Government employee were arraigned on high bail today for stealing U.S. Government information.

Simultaneously the Soviet Ambassador, Alexander Panyushkin, demanded the release of the Russian.

Valentin Gubitchev and Miss Judith Coplon, 27, the latter an employee of the Justice Department, appeared before Federal Judge Samuel Rifkind in a preliminary hearing.

Bail for Gubitchev was fixed at \$100,000 and for Miss Coplon, \$50,000.

In Washington, meanwhile, the Soviet Ambassador, Alexander Panyushkin, conferred for an hour with the Under-Secretary of State, James Webb, in an attempt to gain the release of Gubitchev, who is Third Secretary of the USSR secretariat at the United Nations.

He was told that the State Department is continuing its examination of the case.

Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Raymond Whearty, who appeared to press the charges against the pair, demanded the high bail which Judge Rifkind set. He pointed out the gravity of the charges.

Suspended By U.N.

As Gubitchev appeared in court, the U.N. Secretary-General, Trygve Lie, suspended him from the U.N. secretariat, to which he was appointed in 1946.

The Russian told Judge Rifkind he had not been able to find an attorney, and the Judge explained he could waive examination at this time.

Gubitchev replied in halting English that he is not familiar with such law terms, and the Judge fixed March 16 for a further hearing, explaining that Gubitchev could find an attorney by the meantime.

He granted permission for the Russian to confer directly with him while in custody regarding his efforts to obtain legal counsel.

The Judge then asked Whearty for suggestions as to the amount of bail.

Whearty replied: "The Government feels he is the chief offender in this case, and I ask for bail of \$100,000."

No, Immunity?

The charge against the pair is taking confidential Government information, a technical charge pending further action by the Federal Grand Jury. It provides punishment of a \$10,000 fine, five years imprisonment or both.

The pair were taken from the Federal Building, where it is believed FBI agents questioned them throughout the night, to separate Federal houses of detention following the arraignment.

Gubitchev was handcuffed to another man who had been arrested in a mail fraud case, but Miss Coplon was not handcuffed and flashed a smile for the photographers.

Refugees To Sail Across Atlantic

Amsterdam, March 5.
The Finnish motor cutter Sotka (44 tons) reached Amsterdam today with 23 refugees from Finland, bound for Brazil.

Captain Rudolf Strom of the Sotka, a former British naval minesweeper, said the 11 men, five women and seven children aboard left Finland because of the latest political developments. He hopes to earn his living in Brazil by using her as a coaster. He intends re-equipping at Amsterdam, and to obtain funds he is selling one of the cutter's old engines.

The auxiliary engine has been used so far but this is inadequate for the trans-Atlantic crossing.—Reuter.

Aussies Break Fratting Ban

Sydney, March 5.
Twenty Australian soldiers who arrived in a troopship from Japan today admitted they had married Japanese women in defiance of non-fraternisation orders.

They said they want to return to their wives, who under Australian immigration laws can not live in Australia.

The next troopship will carry a larger number of soldiers married to Japanese women, it was stated.—Reuter.

Greenland Bases A Drawback

Stockholm, March 5.
The American military bases on Greenland will be the main stumbling block when the Danish Foreign Minister, Dr. Gustav Rasmussen, discusses the possibility of Denmark joining the Atlantic Union in Washington next week.

The Danish Foreign Ministry announcement of Dr. Rasmussen's mission cryptically said that he would create the best possible foundations for Denmark's final attitude towards the Atlantic Pact.

Usually well-informed observers in Copenhagen link these words with the confidential report sent by the Danish Ambassador in Washington, M. Henrik Kauffmann, to the Premier, M. Aage Hedtoft, after the failure of the Scandinavian defence talks in Oslo last January.

The feeble Danish Ambassador put out in Washington are said to have led him to believe that the United States will request the right to hire military bases in Greenland (mainly for radar installations) for 20 or 30 years as the "price" for Denmark joining the Atlantic Pact.—Reuter.

Cement Ships Aground In Philippines

Manila, March 6.
Three salvage tugs moved out of Manila Bay today to aid a cement-loaded merchant vessel aground 100 miles to the North West.

The 3,000-ton Chinese-registered ship Union Power ran ashore on Friday near Palau Point on the coast of Zamboanga Province. She was en route from Manila, Japan, to the Philippines with 5,000 tons of cement.

Reports of the accident reached Manila when the Union Power's American master contacted a salvage company.

The ship is leaking badly, but tugs and repair crews expect to have her afloat within one week. The ship's crew numbers about 30.—Associated Press.

Shanghai Has A Rude Awakening

Shanghai, March 6.
Shanghaiers had a rude awakening this morning when they were confronted with an increase of 20 per cent in the price of bread and other commodities and an all-time high in the price of rice, which touched 26,400 Gold Yuan per picul of 170 pounds.

At the same time, the United States dollar spurted in the black market from yesterday morning's 4,200 Gold Yuan to 4,800.

These large increases occurred despite the lightness of the cash situation, which compelled banks to limit withdrawals in the past few days to some 10,000 Gold Yuan per day for each firm or individual.

A further wild spurt is feared for tomorrow, when it is reported that 6,000,000 notes will be released by the Central Bank.

It was also reported today that local banking circles are requesting permission to handle deposits in silver dollars but the matter is said to be still under consideration by the Ministry of Finance.

Regulations for the opening of the gold and silver markets are expected to be announced shortly.

Meanwhile, increasing opposition is developing against the collection of utility bills in terms of the "utility unit," which is based on a gold dollar quotation. In support of editorial criticism of the system, a City Councillor, Mr. Chung Chung-yun, wrote to the Mayor, urging him to scrap the order quickly before rentals and commodity prices follow suit, thus increasing the financial distress of the general public.

Other Councillors are reported to be taking similar action and municipal administrators are expected to come under heavy fire at the next Council session if no steps are taken to cancel the order.—Reuter.

PALESTINE TALKS AT STANDSTILL

Rhodes, March 5.
The Israeli-Transjordan armistice talks came to a complete standstill here today.

Mr. Rouvain Shiloah, leader of the Israeli delegation, flew back to Tel Aviv this morning to report to the Israeli Foreign Office.

The standstill follows five days of slow-moving negotiations. Matters were reported to have been brought to a head when the Transjordan delegates refused to meet the Israeli delegates in person, according to Israeli reports.

Delegates approved an agenda of three main items during yesterday's 14-minute plenary session.

Observers note that agenda is couched in broad terms, indicating they think that Dr. Banche, Palestine acting mediator, has been unable to get agreement on more detailed items.

The agenda does not cover special daily, such as Jerusalem, the Israeli-held triangle on the Central front, or the delineation of lines.

The first working item was the signing of a formal cease-fire agreement, already accepted in principle. The next was the implementation of the Security Council resolution of November 10, 1948, calling for an armistice in Palestine. The last was the consideration and signing of a draft armistice.

Must Agree

Dr. Banche, elected chairman of the talks, did not invite either side to make a formal opening statement—a departure from the Israeli-Egyptian negotiations.

He said he recognised that both parties have vital interests at stake. "Yet I doubt that any of these interests is as vital to either party as the achievement of peace in Palestine."

"If an agreement cannot be found quickly, we will take the necessary time to find it—but find it we must," Dr. Banche said.

Meanwhile, Syria has decided to accept the invitation from Dr. Banche to negotiate for a permanent truce with Israel, the chairman of the Parliamentary Foreign Affairs Committee said in Damascus today.

The chairman made this announcement after the Committee had met the Premier, Dr. Khaled El-Azom. The Premier said Syria has no reason to refuse the invitation so long as it is accepted by most of the Arab Governments.—Reuter.

Mr. Royall To Resign?

Washington, March 6.
Reports that the Army Secretary, Mr. Kenneth C. Royall, may resign by mid-April were heard in Washington today.

The reports came from persons who, because of friendship and official association, are in a position to be well informed.

They persisted despite a White House news conference statement by President Truman on Thursday that all three service secretaries—Mr. Royall, the Navy Secretary Mr. John L. Sullivan, the Air Secretary, Mr. W. Stuart Symington—will stay on their jobs.

Mr. Truman made that comment in connection with his announcement that Mr. Louis Johnson would succeed Mr. James Forrestal as Defence Secretary.—Associated Press.

KARENS IN MANDALAY OFFENSIVE

Rangoon, March 5.
The Karens holding positions South of the rail town of Myittha have gone over to the offensive, it was officially stated today.

A Government communique said that a strong Karen force has advanced North West in the direction of Mandalay and has contacted Government troops.

It said severe fighting is taking place.

The communique added that Government troops are mopping up rebel remnants near the army centre of Maymyo, 40 miles above Mandalay.

Tonight's military communique on the Government's internal security measures against the rebels said the Karen national defence organisation (private army of KNU) and the Communists attacked Government troops near Daka, 80 miles from Rangoon on the Rangoon-Mandalay railway, but fled in face of resistance.

It added that the rebels are digging in along the Pegu River banks.

The communique claimed the Government's recapture of several Karen-held villages in the Hanthawaddy district, South West of Rangoon.—Associated Press.

GREEK-TURKISH DISCUSSIONS

London, March 5.
M. Constantin Tsalikis, Greek Foreign Minister, will soon visit Ankara to discuss with the Turkish Government the possibility of a Mediterranean Pact to follow the proposed Atlantic Pact, Athens Radio reported today.—Reuter.

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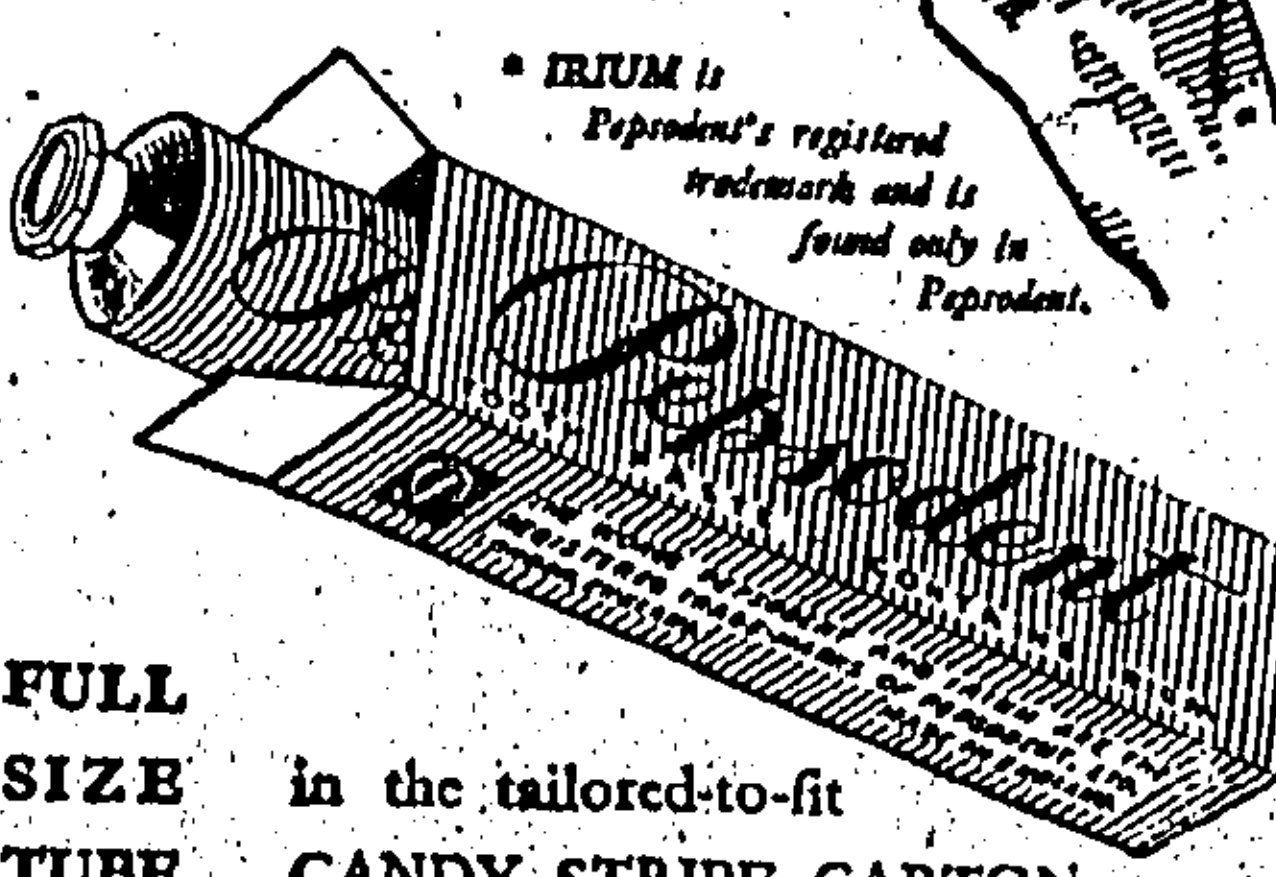
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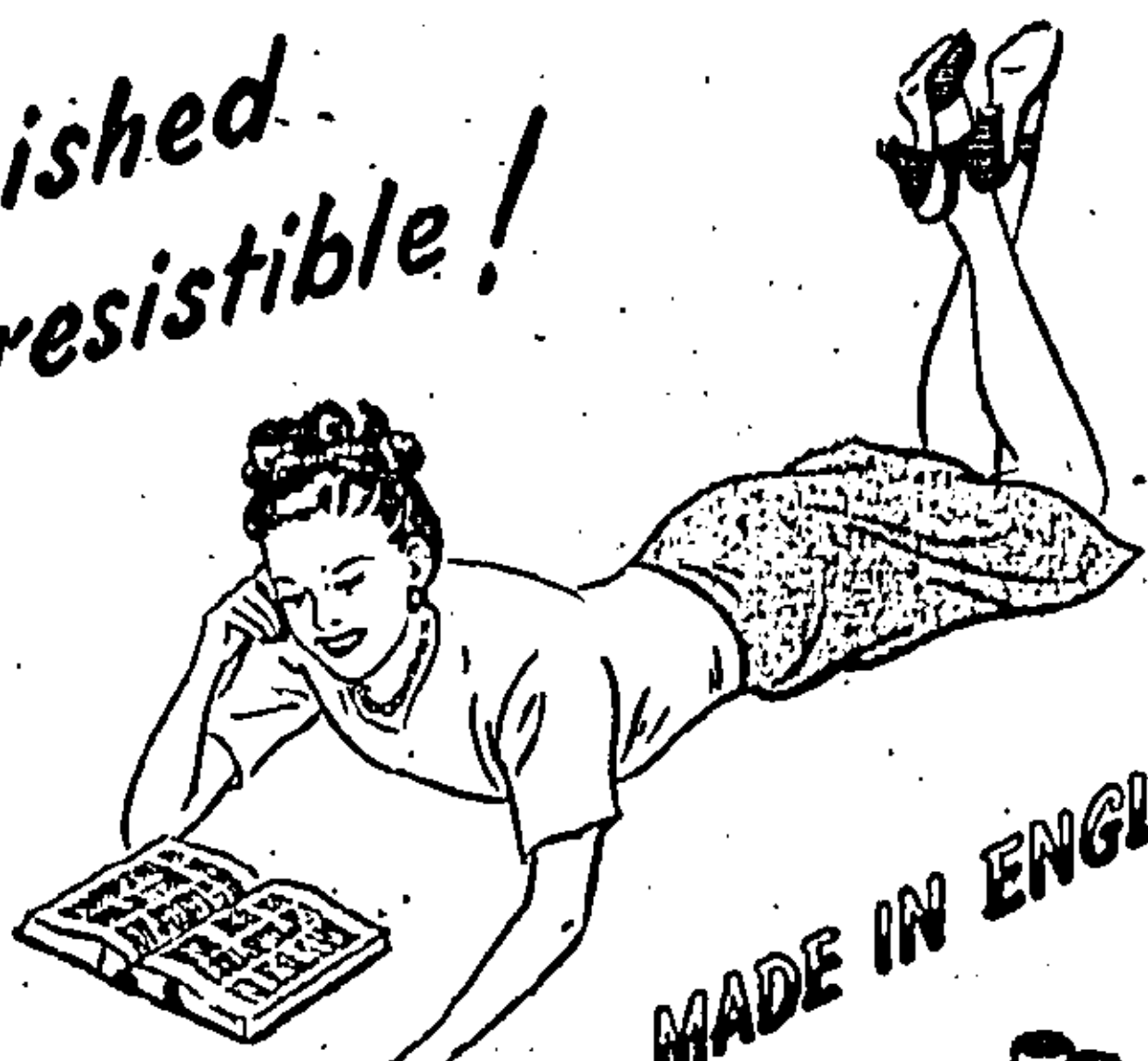
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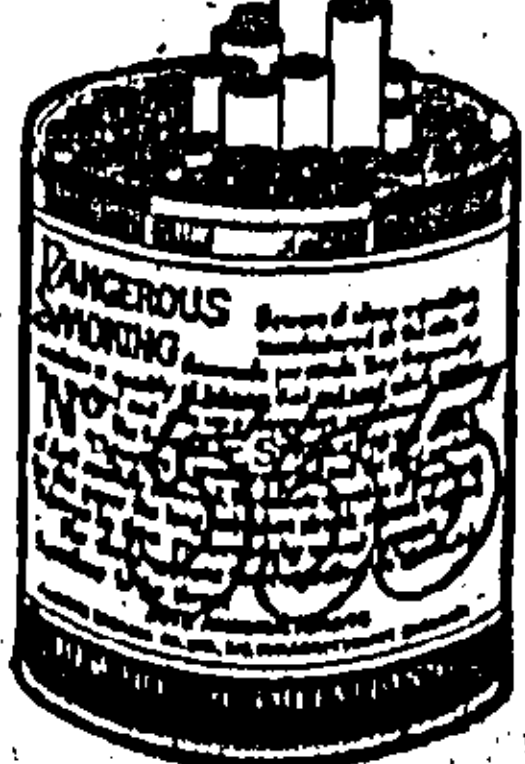
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TRUMAN MOVE FOR U.S. DEFENCE EFFICIENCY

Washington, March 5.

President Truman today called on Congress to pass legislation to tighten up the defence administration of the United States.

This step, another effort to unify the three arms of the defence forces, is based on a report by ex-President Herbert Hoover's Commission on the organisation of the Government's executive branch.

The President recommended legislation as follows:

1.—To convert the national military establishment into an executive department of the Gov-

ernment to be known as the Department of Defence.

2.—To provide the Secretary of Defence with greater responsibility and authority.

3.—To place the Army, Navy and Air Force Secretaries under the Defence Secretary's authority, direction and control.

4.—To make the Defence Secretary responsible for duties controlled by the Munitions Board and the Research and Development Board.

Vital Organisation

5.—To appoint a Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, who would take precedence over all other military personnel and would be the principal military adviser to the President and the Defence Secretary.

6.—To create the new posts of Under-Secretary of Defence and three Assistant Defence Secretaries to assist the Defence Secretary to meet his increased responsibilities.

Urging speedy action on his recommendations, President Truman said that only by accelerated progress towards unification will the United States be assured of a full return on its defence dollar.

He added: "We should seize this opportunity to strengthen our defence organisation, which is so vital to the security of this nation and to the peace of the world."—Reuter.

Neutrality Impossible For Canada

Montreal, March 5.

Canada could not remain neutral in a war between the United States and Russia, Mr. Louis St. Laurent, Canadian Prime Minister, declared here today.

He added: "We are in effect great powers and whether we wished it or not the war would be at our door step."

He did not doubt war was avoidable. "But one would have to be lacking the most elementary realism to consider war an impossibility."

Outlining Canada's reasons for supporting the proposed North Atlantic alliance, Mr. St. Laurent declared: "I am convinced that the surest and most practical way of assuring maintenance of peace is to bring about as soon as possible the union of nations friendly to peace."—Reuter.

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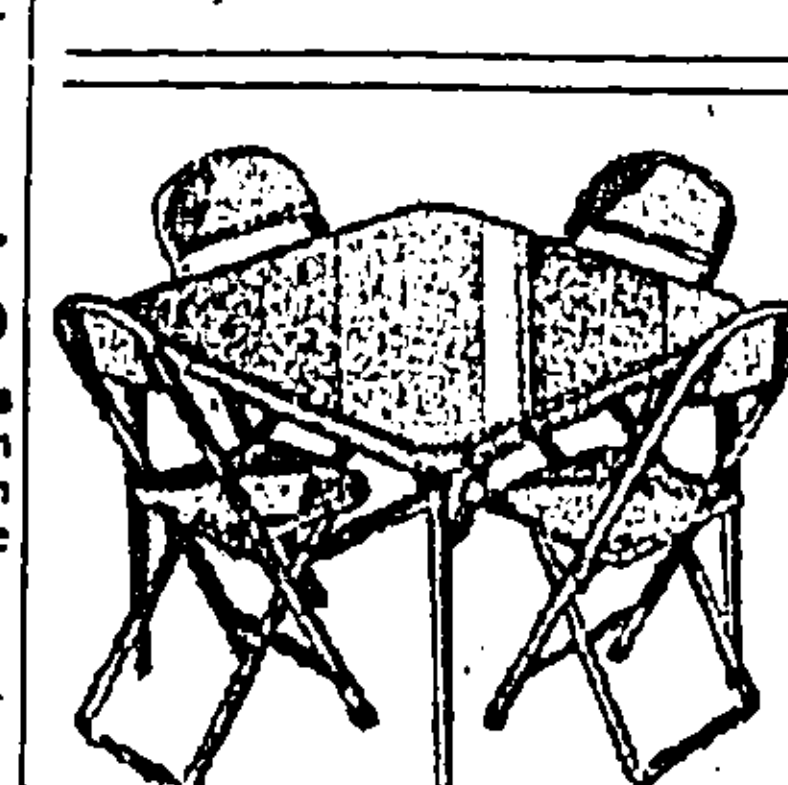
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Magnesium In The Woodpile

Hamburg, March 6.

A German noted that his pile of precious firewood was decreasing at an astonishing rate. According to a Hamburg paper, he hollowed out a piece of wood, filled it with magnesium, and placed it on his woodpile.

When his neighbour's stove exploded the next day, the mystery of the disappearing firewood was solved.—Associated Press.

ADEN ELECTIONS

Aden, March 5.

Four Arabs, two Indians and a few were nominated today as candidates in the first elections ever to be held in Aden Protectorate. Polling is on March 31.

The three elected will serve on the Municipal Council with four Government officials and three appointed non-officials.

The British official in charge of the elections said that in spite of a campaign to educate the people of Aden politically, they showed little interest in the elections.—Reuter.

The other three who cried were Nikola Naumov, aged 49, Baptist, also facing a possible

Rumania Objects To British Move

London, March 5.

Rumania told Britain today that her demand for the recall of two Rumanian diplomats from London is an unjustified reprisal.

Britain asked for the withdrawal of Eugen Balas and Jacob Magura, Rumanian Legation officials, after Rumania demanded the recall of Charles Robinson and William Watson, British Legation officials in Bucharest.

The Rumanians said that Robinson and Watson took an active part in the conspiracies of plotters, spies and saboteurs.

Rumania, in a note delivered today, protested at Britain's counter-action saying the British are not in a position to give any reason for their action.

"It became evident that Robinson and Watson used their diplomatic position to interfere in the internal affairs of the country, taking an active part in the conspiracies of the above mentioned group of plotters, spies and saboteurs."

"As regards the recall of Balas and Magura, the British Government is not in a position to give any reason for its request."

"Consequently, the Government of the Rumanian People's Republic energetically protests against the attitude of the British Government, which is considered an act of unjustified reprisal."—Associated Press.

TRIAL OF PROTESTANT CLERGYMEN FINISHES

Sofia, March 5.

The trial of the 15 Bulgarian Protestant pastors on espionage charges ended this afternoon.

All defendants made abject pleas for mercy for a new chance to work for the Communist-controlled Government.

The prosecutor demanded death for the four chief defendants and heavy sentences up to life imprisonment for the 11 others.

Four of the defendants burst into tears during their final pleas.

The court then adjourned until Tuesday, March 8, at 1 p.m.

Today was the seventh day of the trial marked by long public confessions from all the defendants.

The longest and most emotional plea was made by the No. 1 defendant, Vassil Zlupkov, aged 48, Congregational pastor for whom the State asked the death sentence by hanging.

The other three who cried were Nikola Naumov, aged 49, Baptist, also facing a possible

death sentence, and two lesser defendants—Ladin Popov and Alexander Zahariev.

"Dark Life"

Klupkov, who is accused of treason, weeping told the court:—

"During this trial a moving picture of our dark criminal life has been portrayed. If you were a Fascist court I would not expect from you other than simply a verdict, but since you are a People's Court I expect something more than punishment, a chance to repair my errors."

Klupkov continued: "I am starting a new life. My old life ends today. Up to now I have been serving foreign gods. Please help me to become a hero of the Fatherland Front—if you give me the gift of life, I shall dedicate my life to faithful work for the Fatherland Front."

Pastor Naumov claimed he is a sick man and said: "My days are counted."

He said that as a prisoner of the secret police he had opportunity to read 3,000 pages of progressive literature.

"Shameful Past"

He said: "This has given me a new insight into life and I now want to repair my sins and work for the Fatherland Front."

Pastor Yanko Ivanov also pleaded for his life and admitted that he was guilty but said: "I beg you to pass a verdict under very extenuating circumstances so that at the end of my life I will represent a contribution to my people."

Defendant Georgi Chernov, however, took only one minute to say: "I pray for mercy and I repent. I put an end to my shameful past and I ask for an extenuating and just verdict."

Most of the others were also brief and merely begged for mercy.—Associated Press.

JESUIT PRIESTS SENTENCED

Budapest, March 5.

Thirteen alleged accomplices of Joseph Cardinal Mindszenty, including two Jesuits and another priest, were found guilty of black marketing and other currency offences today and sentenced to prison terms ranging from 18 months to eight years.

The heaviest sentence by the Budapest Workers' Court fell on Gabor Horvath, secretary of Prince Paul Esterhazy, sentenced earlier to 15 years for aiding Cardinal Mindszenty's alleged anti-state organisation by black market financial deals.

Although Esterhazy at his trial sought to take full responsibility and exonerated his secretary, Horvath nevertheless was sentenced to eight years and loss of civil rights for five years.

The Rev. Imra Bokk, the Cardinal's accountant, was given four years imprisonment, and the two Jesuit priests, the Rev. Josef Vid and the Rev. János Varday, were given three years imprisonment with five years loss of civil rights.—United Press.

NARCOTIC CONTROL MEASURES

Geneva, March 6.

New synthetic drugs are to be classified for international control by a committee of specialists which met here for the first time under the sponsorship of the World Health Organisation.

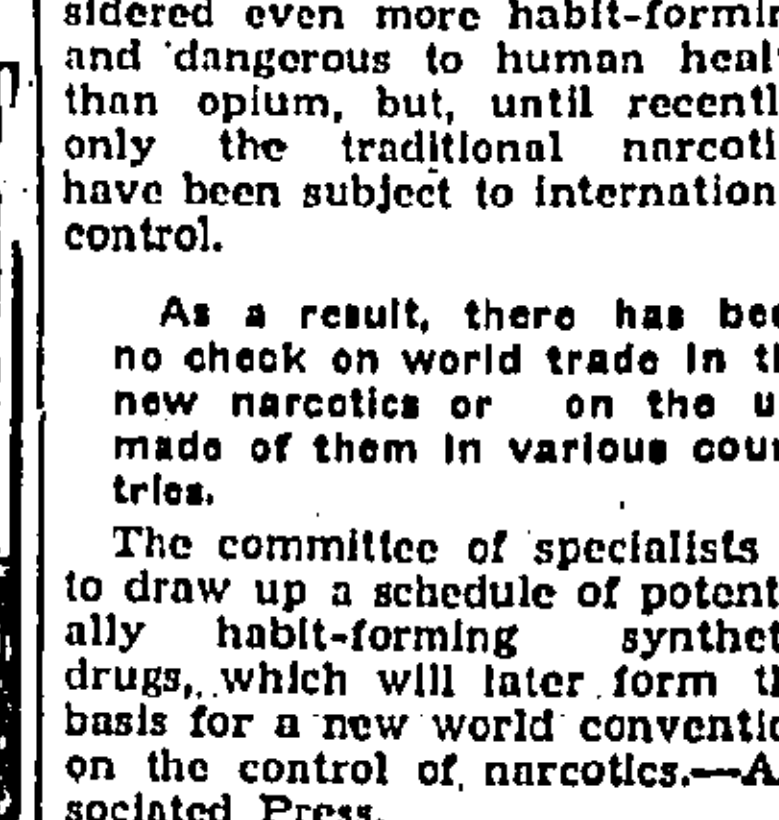
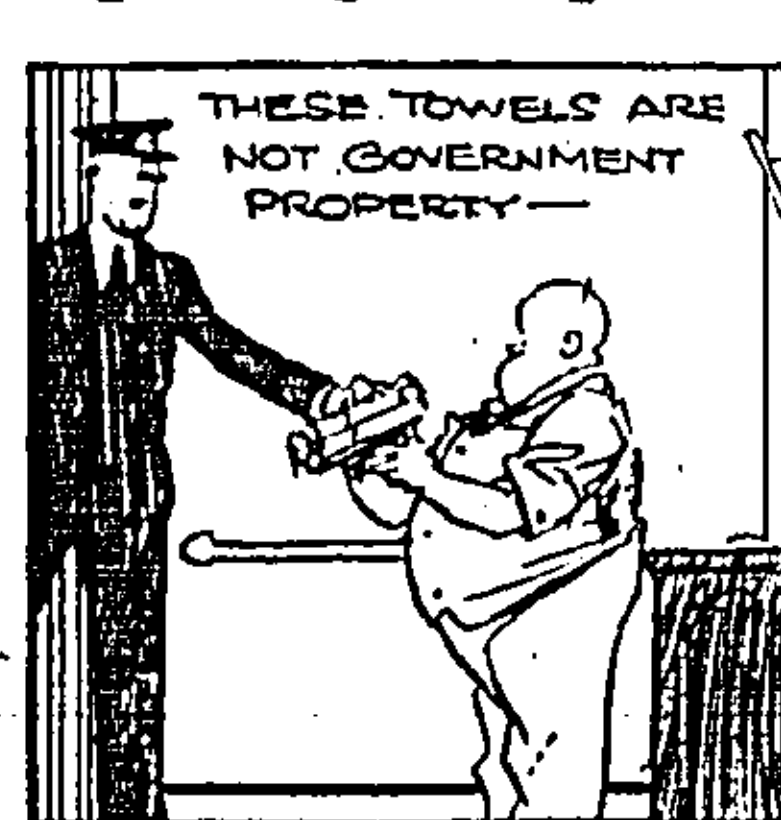
Many new drugs have been discovered in recent years by chemical processes to replace natural drugs in short supply.

Many of these drugs are considered even more habit-forming and dangerous to human health than opium, but, until recently, only the traditional narcotics have been subject to international control.

As a result, there has been no check on world trade in the new narcotics or on the use made of them in various countries.

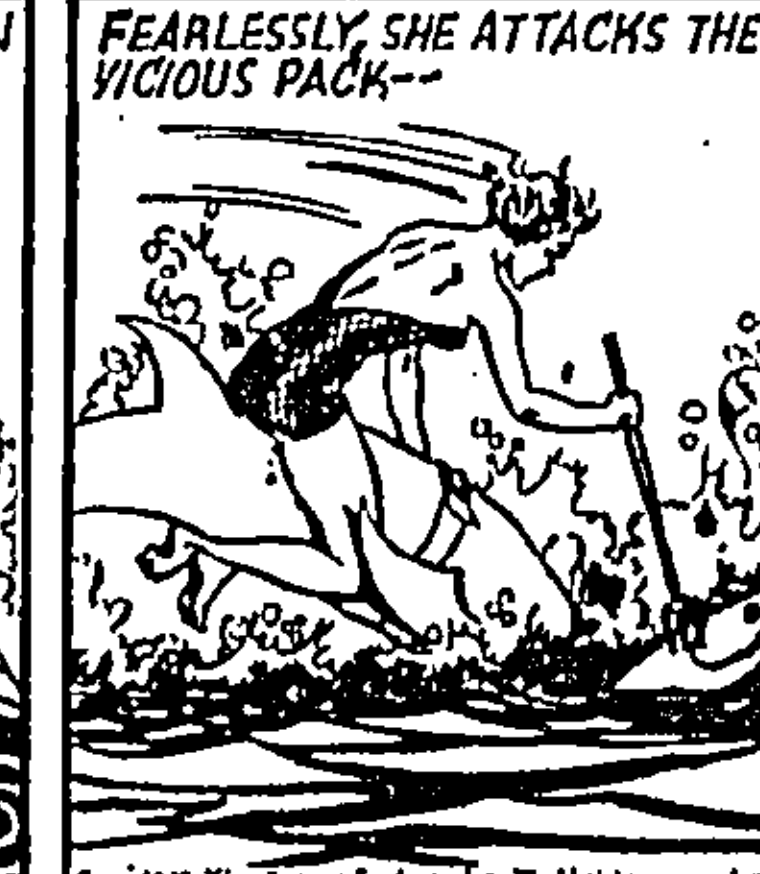
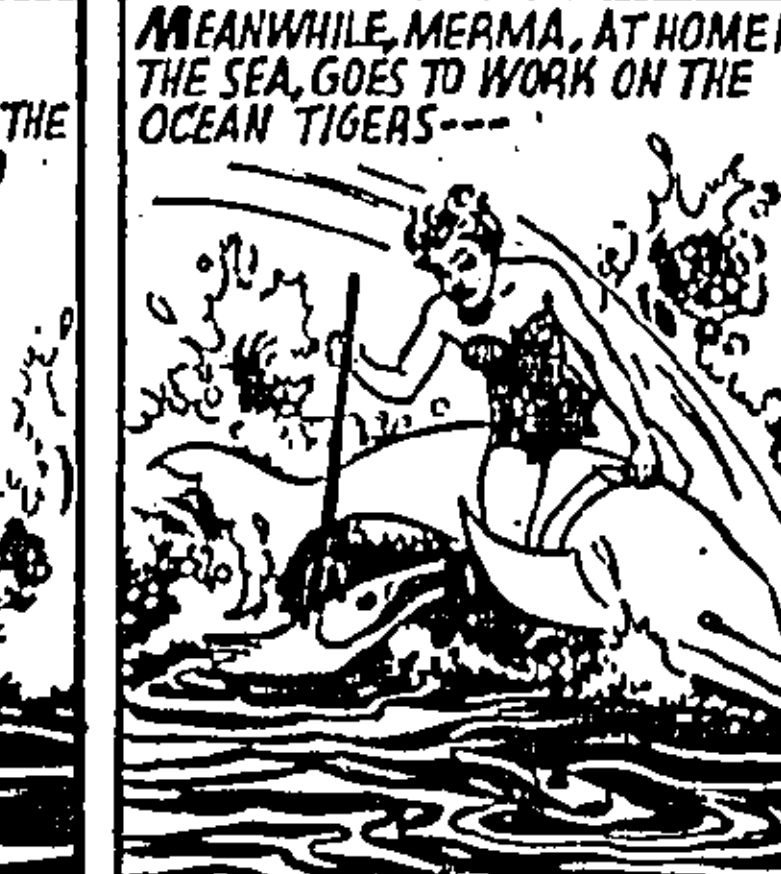
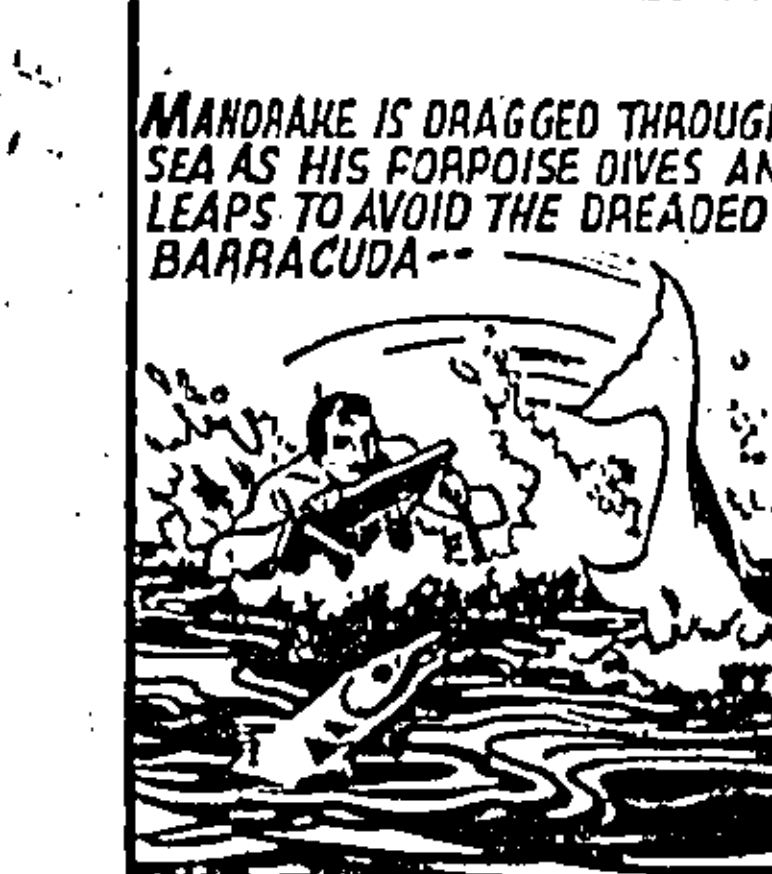
The committee of specialists is to draw up a schedule of potentially habit-forming synthetic drugs, which will later form the basis for a new world convention on the control of narcotics.—Associated Press.

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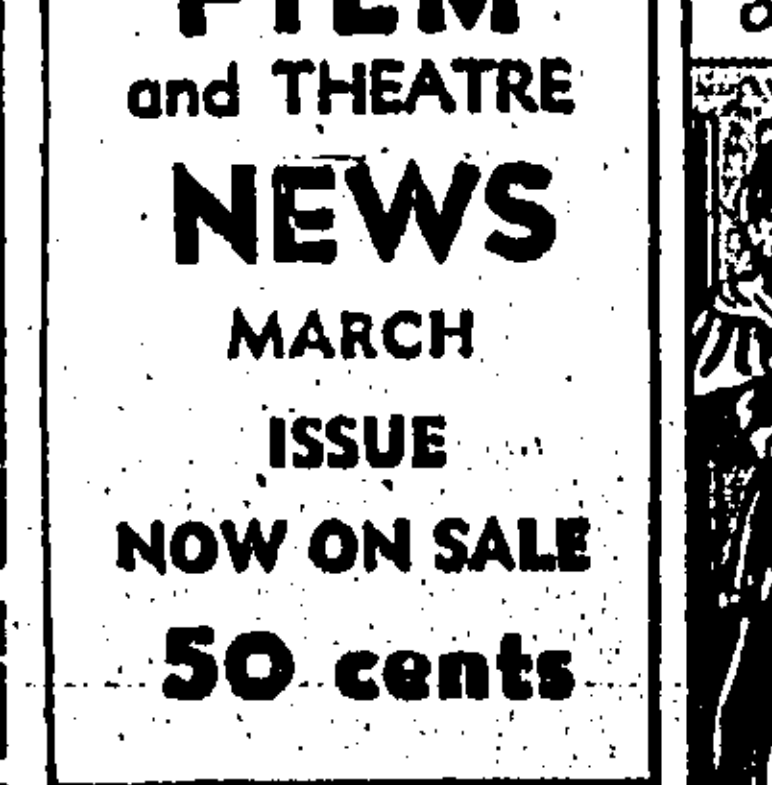
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CEYLON'S AMBITIOUS PROJECT

Colombo, March 5.

Bulldozers, tractors and "cat-erpillars" have begun work on a £12 million plan to transform Ceylon's Eastern jungle into plantations.

The scheme, Ceylon's biggest biggest post-war industrial and commercial enterprise since the war, is expected to be completed in five years.

The idea is to build an earth filled dam about 250 miles East of Colombo to impound 200,000,000 gallons of water, equivalent to the combined capacity of all the tanks in Ceylon.

When the dam is complete it will bring more than 100,000 acres of land under paddy cultivation—the biggest single unit of rice producing area in South East Asia.

Water passing through turbines will generate power to operate the sugar cane and other industries.

The contract has been given to a United States firm, Morrison Knudsen, of San Francisco—Reuters.

GOVERNMENT CREATES "BIG BLACK MARKET"

Johannesburg, March 6.
With one stroke of the pen the South African Government has created the biggest black market the country has ever known, commercial men declared in Johannesburg yesterday.

They are watching their shops being stripped of luxuries by frantic buyers following the publication of a list of banned imports designed to save Sterling and more dollars for the Union's quaking economy.

Whisky of any kind is now unobtainable while shoekeepers declare that stocks of imported cosmetics will not last a month.

Negative Action Of No Use

Calcutta, March 5.
Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, Commissioner General in South East Asia, said here tonight that Communism can not be suppressed by any negative action.

He is on his way to Singapore after the four-nation Commonwealth Conference in New Delhi on the Burmese situation.

"We have to find some positive action which will lead to a steady improvement in the people's economic condition and to a steady expansion of their political freedom," he stated.

Describing the situation in Malaya as serious, he said that the great political movement there is the movement of Malaysians, who are supporting the Government in its efforts to suppress the terrorists.

The Communist movement is an attempt by a small minority of typical Communists to disorganise the economy and capture the government of the country.—Reuters.

Filipino Reds To Be Prosecuted?

Manila, March 6.

The Speaker, Eugenio Perez, indicated today that Congress may ask that Philippine Communist leaders be prosecuted for illegal association.

Mr. Perez told a reporter that he will soon transmit to the Secretary of Justice a report completed by the House Committee on Un-Filipino Activities. The report recommends that known Communists be prosecuted at once.

The Communist Party was declared illegal in 1932, but was permitted to resume activities five years later.

Two days ago Mariano P. Balgon, Secretary-General of the Party, and Philippine Communists would fight their own government if the Republic should become involved in war with Russia.—Associated Press.

Nanking, March 5.
Foreign trade circles believe that the Chinese Communists are willing to enter into commercial intercourse with other nations.

They think the present Communist policy of ignoring foreign interests in North China's leading commercial port city, Tientsin, is not encouraging but also is not discouraging.

They believe the Communists at the present time face more difficulties than they do with foreign interests and consulates. Their big headache now is whether to decide on a course of peace with the Nationalists and the establishment of a government which could win over the whole-hearted support of the Chinese people.

Once the Communists complete this task they must turn to the problem of keeping the support of the people. This depends largely on whether they are able to raise the living standards, which are dependent to a large extent on international trade.

These sources believe the United States and Britain are in the best position to aid China's recovery. They point out that the Germans' systematic destruction of Russia's heavy industry during the war places the Soviets in a poor position to materially help the Chinese Communists at the present time.

Desperate Need
Before the war Russia concentrated on heavy industry, with the result that light industry, which is necessary for

consumer goods, lagged far behind the needs of the people. This situation is expected to continue for some time due to the heavy destruction of Russian mines, factories and refineries.

One example of many is China's desperate need for a railway system to link up the whole country. This need could be met mainly by Britain and the U.S. The same is true of heavy equipment, such as dynamo and machine tools, which were supplied from Britain and the U.S. before the war and now have been either destroyed or worn out.

Britain has shipped machinery and tools to China for many years, while America was the biggest shipper of cotton. Both countries send oil and kerosene to China.

Time Limit

Business quarters here believe that the problem of future trade with the Communists depends on how Red they are. Some circles believe that three to 10 years will be the time limit in which foreign nations can expect to do business with the Chinese Communists if they prove to be of the Eastern European variety.

Businessmen also hope that the Communists, if they enter into foreign intercourse, may lift many of the ham-stringing regulations instituted by the Nationalists in the past few years.

The policy of British business, these sources said, is to sit tight and remain with its business in occupied cities. American business, on the other hand, fears the Communists might try to squeeze them out of China, although the Communists have circularised all foreign businesses, including Americans, asking them to remain on the job.—United Press.

Poles Short Of Meat

Warsaw, March 5.

Poland is importing meat from Hungary and Rumania to relieve shortages in its cities.

Fifty six railway wagon loads of meat arrived today from Hungary for distribution in Warsaw and the Lodz and Silesian districts. Rumania is sending 1,000 tons.

The sale of meat is restricted to three days a week and long queues form as early as 5 a.m. to get the limited supplies. Hotels, restaurants and cafes are still well supplied and the Government blames faulty distribution for the shortages. It claims that the situation is easing.—Associated Press.

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Good News For Pub Crawlers

London, March 5.
London hotels and night-clubs may be able to serve drinks up to 2 a.m.—two hours later than at present—as a result of a new proposal by Mr. Chuter Ede, the Home Secretary.

News of the proposal was given today when Mr. Ede gave notice to move a new clause in committee on the Licensing Bill now being considered by Parliament.

Later drinks in London have been strongly advocated as an attraction to visitors to the city. Since the war tourists have frequently complained that London life ends at midnight.—Reuters.

TALKS ON EUROPEAN ECONOMY

Paris, March 5.

Western Europe's economic "Cabinet Council" was tonight trying to reconcile British and Continental views on rebuilding the dollar-aided countries' economy.

The Ministers of Britain, France, Italy, The Netherlands, Turkey, Sweden and Switzerland, resumed their confidential talks after delegation experts had drafted a tentative programme as a basis for Europe's economic independence.

A British plan, submitted earlier today by the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Stafford Cripps, seems to have the backing of most of the seven ministers, but observers doubt if it will be accepted in its entirety.

It is believed that points proposed by other ministers may be incorporated.

The delegates attending are Sir Stafford Cripps, the French Foreign Minister, Robert Schuman, the Italian Reconstruction Minister, Roberto Tremelloni, the Netherlands Foreign Minister, D. U. Slikker, the Turkish Foreign Minister, Necmeddin Sadak, the Swedish Finance Minister, Ernst Wiersma, and the Swiss Minister in Paris, Carl J. Buckhardt.—Reuters.

TITO'S MOVE

Belgrade, March 5.

Yugoslavia today said the Polish Information Service headquarters in Belgrade, providing fresh evidence of increasing strain between the Tito Regime and Cominform countries.

The Belgrade press had denounced the Polish bureau's activities as primarily propagandist and cited in particular, displays purporting to show that Polish relations are superior to those in Yugoslavia.—Associated Press.

FARES DOUBLED

Belgrade, March 5.

Yugoslavia doubled its railway fares today, explaining that the Government-operated lines have been working at a loss. A 250-mile trip will now cost approximately £5.15.0. Day trips for workers and students will continue at the old rates.—Associated Press.

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S.S. "CANTON"	16th April	18th May
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S.S. "CORFU"	20th June	11th July
S.S. "CANTON"	8th July	8th August
S.S. "CANTHAGE"	10th August	9th September

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S.S. "TREVINCE"	sails 16th Mar.	for Straits, U.K. & Continent.
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Hong Kong Port Notes

Shipping shore personnel began work this week with a lighter heart. Expected arrivals seem scanty in contrast to the unusual influx of ships last week because of the fog, which caused an unprecedented pressure of work in many firms. Most of the ships have been cleared.

A rare peak of arrivals on one day was recorded on February 28 when 40 vessels, including 30 ocean-going ships, entered port. Everett Steamship Corporation reported a rare occurrence in local shipping movements on March 2 when four ships were in port—four cleared as soon as another two entered.

Hong Kong's port control of labour traffic again proved its soundness during the recent fog week. No accident because of the fog was reported in the harbour.

(Hats off to our Marine Office!)

A gang of racketeers, impersonating officials of the Hong Kong Chinese Seamen's Union and collecting funds for its magazine in Canton, were smashed late last week.

Two men, believed to be the prime movers, were arrested. Money collected, estimated to be about HK\$1,000, is being returned to the subscribers.

Mr. Shiu Hing, Executive Committee Member of the local CSU, returned last week-end after successfully completing his investigation into the incident.

A happy Hong Kong mother last week was Mrs. Mary Ray of Mayo Sheppey.

After an absence of several years, Fred, her 21-year-old son, returned to the Colony by the United States Navy tanker Manatee, which arrived here on a recreational visit.

A graduate of La Salle College where he was known as Demmy Masabini, young Ray enlisted in the USN after the war. He was evacuated from here in 1941 and joined the Davao guerrillas against the Japanese invaders.

Fred plans to join Notre Dame University after his release from the Navy this August, to take up chemical engineering.

Survivors of the sunken Portuguese freighter Masbate have received testimonials from the Jehshun Shipping Corporation which have been endorsed by the Portuguese Consulate here and the Chinese Seamen's Union. Fifteen of them, including seven firemen, six deckhands and two stewards, are awaiting employment.

One steward has been re-employed by Jehshun aboard the new Norwegian motorship Hoi Wong.

Mostly Northern Chinese in their 30s and 40s, the survivors are veteran China Coast sailors.

Norwegian wives have the opportunity to be with their spouses at work and see the world at the same time—thanks to the prevailing acute manpower shortage in their country. "Norway is producing and acquiring too many ships nowadays but has too few men to operate them," is the general complaint among visiting officers of Norwegian ships.

Many Norwegian ships have women among the crew. The new motorship Belleville, making her local debut last week, has four stewardesses aboard—wives of the master, the wireless operator, second engineer and the electrician.

The American President Line "boys" are ready for the Inter-Hong Softball League.

Established on March 1, the first "APL Softball Team" include veteran players. The lineup is: Ernie Hearther, skipper, Art Chase, Johnny Bridge, Bob Walton, Johnny Kyle, Miskin Samy, coach and manager, Gobby Remedios, Tommy Chan, Eddie



Yelling coolies, armed with scoop nets and bamboo poles, rushed to the jetty near the Yuen Hai Wharf as they noticed a smoke-belching launch steam towards the Praya waters. More than 20 dived into the water to swim to the approaching craft. Others perched precariously at the edge of the jetty to be the first to get aboard. Pedestrians passing by paused—startled and puzzled. But to the thronging coolies, it was just another "Flash Launch" coming from Chung-Shan with a several tons of fresh marine products. ("China Mail" Photo).

They Guide Ships Into Hong Kong

One of the oldest professions in Hong Kong, which began even before the Colony was founded, is the piloting of ocean-going ships into the harbour.

Today, the only firm providing experienced pilots—a necessity in local harbour operations—is the Wang Kee Company, one of the oldest and biggest shipping organisations.

This profession is hereditary, and most of the pilots employed by the company come from families who have made good in this line for centuries.

There are seven licensed pilots, and six apprentices, who are all expected to graduate by 1951.

"Whenever possible, we recruit suitable candidates," Mr. Leung Yew, founder of the company, said in an interview.

The pilots are natives of Hong Kong, who have at their finger-tips the conditions of the tide and weather, learnt from childhood. They are all Chinese.

For this service, the company has six pilot boats, three of which were specially designed. Under emergency, a steam launch is used.

An average of 10 ships brought out and 10 ships guided in is the normal operation. However, during fog days, the pilots take a rest. Only one American steamer came in during the recent fog-week by means of radar.

Yaumati Centro

To modernise their piloting service, the company has ordered radio telephones, which are expected to be installed in all craft, including their land transport, in the near future.

The main office at Connaught Road, Central, near the Yaumati Vehicular Ferry, will be the Operating Centre. All the fleet, including eight launches and tugs and 16 steel covered lighters, will be in constant communication with the land and take orders directly.

"We will save much time and money by this means," Mr. Leung Yew declared. Greater efficiency will be attained.

Every ocean-going steamer requires a pilot to enter or leave port. Masters, however, need guidance only occasionally. River

Carmó, Vincent Tavares, and Tony Alves.

From what they have to say about going tops, the "Eagle Boys" are on the warpath. Their first game has not yet been determined.

Our Harbour Reporter, recently pestered by the curious along the waterfront, replies: "Well, if you really want to know, that strange smell emanates from Eastern District."

WHO'S WHO

By 1832, the Leitch family of the Island of Arran, Scotland, will have five retired ship masters.

For the 62-year-old skipper of the ss. Wing Hing, Mr. James Leitch, intends to settle down after three years from today.

"Old Man" Leitch himself is a retired master; so are his three other sons.

"This is hereditary in our family; even my four-year-old son has already indicated his desire to go to sea," the genial, dapper sailor said.

Mr. Leitch came to Hong Kong for the first time in 1947 and has been operating vessels of the Ta Hing Shipping Company since.

Last month, he made an epic voyage to Chittagong with a skeleton crew aboard the 200-ton steamer Wa Hing for the Ta Hing Company.

The trip was accomplished in 13 days—the normal period taken by an ordinary ocean-going



CAPTAIN JAMES LEITCH.

steamer—despite the bad weather which she met shortly after leaving the Colony. The ship made only one stop—at Singapore to refuel.

India Area

Mr. Leitch had been commander of more than 20 oil tankers for 17 and a half years, operating between the Americas and Europe. During 1943 and 1946 he was Marine Superintendent of the Ministry of Water Transport, controlling the India-Burma-Ceylon area.

He was at one time commanding oil tankers, ferrying aviation spirit for the Royal Navy and the Royal Air Force.

The veteran took over the command of the Canton-Hong Kong run vessel late last month, after returning here from home leave. He flew from Calcutta after delivering the Wa Hing to the Indian General Railway Navigation Company, which is utilising the vessel for the coastal service.

JUNK CARGOES

Junks brought 28,440 tons of cargo into the Colony during January. Launches under 60 tons discharged 518 tons.

Outward cargo tonnage by junks and launches in the same month was 6,010 and 802, respectively.

The same type of vessels landed 2,443 passengers in Hong Kong and transported 6,051 out of the Colony.

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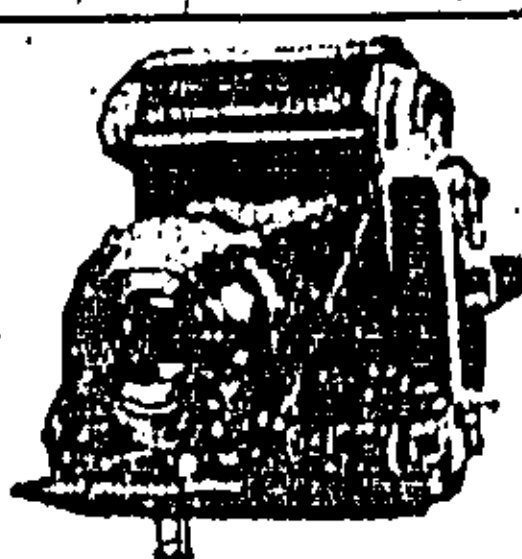
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NAVY, SOUTH CHINA "B"
SHARE TWO GOALS

Royal Navy and South China "B" shared two goals in a very keenly contested First Division soccer game at Causeway Bay yesterday.

RAF delighted their supporters when they took both points from St. Joseph's at Happy Valley as the result of a narrow 3-2 win.

Kowloon Motor Bus had pressure on the RAF defence, but all their efforts were nullified by poor shooting and "offside" infringements. Undaunted, the RAF swung the ball over to the other side, and Leck was repeatedly called upon to save some stinging drives.

Royal Navy 1—
S. China "B" 1

Navy did very well to hold a strong South China "B" to a one all draw.

Navy attacked from the start and gave South China's goalkeeper, Cheung Kin-chung, very many anxious moments.

The Chinese soon settled down and carried out a series of attacks on the Navy goal. Chun Tak-fai came near when he slipped through the Navy defence, and sent in a hard shot, which just skimmed the crossbar.

Chun Tak-fai again had hard luck a few minutes later when, with only the goalie to beat, he slipped and shot wide.

Jones came into the limelight when, following a neat pass from Buck, he raced down the centre with the South China defenders in close attendance. He drove a hard shot which deflected from the crossbar and was easily cleared by Tsang Chung-wan.

In the 28th minute of the game, Navy opened the scoring when they were awarded a penalty. The spot kick was taken by Gilliam, who made no mistake with a fast shot to the lower left hand corner of the net.

South China attacked strongly after this reverse, but were unable to penetrate the strong Navy defence.

Navy Leads
At half time, Navy were leading by one goal to nil.

During the second half, play continued at a fast pace, with South China throwing all their resources into the game in an effort to secure the equaliser.

In the 19th minute of the second half, South China were rewarded for their efforts when Tong Sheung netted with a fast goal shot from just outside the penalty area.

Heartened by this success, South China attacked in earnest in a desperate attempt to obtain the winning goal. The Navy defence, was subjected to a gruelling time, but came through the ordeal with flying colours.

Pratt, in the Navy goal, was repeatedly applauded for his brilliant saves.

The final whistle came with the teams sharing two goals.

Royal Navy: Pratt, Convery, Tozer, Edgar, Rolands, Gilliam, Sykes, Eham, Jones, Buck and Cartledge.

South China: "B"—Cheung Kin-chung, Tsang Chung-wan, Lee Shek-ching, Ko To-king, Tan Yau-sang, Leung Hung-kei, Lai Chun-yin, Lee Yau-uk, Chun Tak-fai, Au Chi-yin and Tong Sheung.

RAF 3—St. Joseph's 2
The Saints, fielding a very much weakened team, gave a disappointing display and would have lost by a wider margin but for the excellent exhibition of goalkeeping by Leck.

Immediately after the start of the game, Lee King-sing, the centre-forward sustained a cramp and was merely a passenger for the rest of the game.

St. Joseph's showed better combination than the RAF but lacked the finishing touch in front of the goal-mouth.

The tendency of their forwards to stick too close to each other resulted in many good movements ending in the whistle being blown for "offside".

Though they lacked cohesion, the RAF forwards displayed more dash.

All their three goals were the results of fine opportunism on the part of their centre-forward, Studd.

Stanley, on the right wing, was the most outstanding of the RAF forwards, and was responsible for two of the passes which Studd converted.

The Saints started off promisingly, bringing the ball right up to the Airmen's goal.

Play was five minutes old when Xavier sent across a shot from the right. A misunderstanding between two of the RAF defence, resulted in the Saints' inside right, Castillo, gathering the ball and sending it into the far corner of the net with Bartrum well beaten.

Spurred By Success
Spurred by this early success, the Saints kept up continuous

pressure on the RAF defence, but all their efforts were nullified by poor shooting and "offside" infringements.

Undaunted, the RAF swung the ball over to the other side, and Leck was repeatedly called upon to save some stinging drives.

Their persistence was rewarded in the 23rd minute of play, when Stanley, after receiving a pass from the right half, beautifully centred it across between two of the defending players.

Rushing through Studd took the ball and sent in a terrific header, which Leck could not save.

Half-time came with the score 1-1.

Resumption of play saw the Saints taking the lead, when the RAF centre-half Wilson, who had been playing a splendid spoiling game in the defence, deflected a wing pass into an empty goal.

The Saints now began to concentrate on defence, and it was not till 10 minutes from the end, that RAF obtained the equaliser.

Butcher took a long range shot, which hit the cross-bar, and on the rebound, Studd was followed up, headed the ball into the net.

The RAF continued to press, and a few minutes later, the referee pointed to the "spot" for handling by Leonard. Studd took the kick, but Leck got his hands to the ball, deflecting it for a fruitless corner.

Just before the end, Stanley received a pass from Butcher and brought it up to within 10 yards of the goal-mouth. He sent in a terrific grounder, which Leck just managed to touch but not gather.

Studd followed up and slammed the ball into the goal before Leck could have time to recover.

The RAF were still pressing when the whistle blew.

RAF: Bartrum, Durham, Grugan, Butcher, Wilson, Townsley, Stanley, Cross, Studd, Crellin, Colley.

St. Joseph's: Leck, Rodda, T. Castillo, Rumjahn, Santos, Xavier, J. Castillo, Hsu King-sing, R. Rew, Omar.

RESULTS AT A
GLANCE

FIRST DIVISION			
Royal Navy	1	S. China "B"	1
St. Joseph's	2	R. A. F.	3
Eastern	1	K. Motor Bus	4
Kwong Wah	0	Kit Chee	4

SECOND DIVISION			
K. Motor Bus	3	Dockyard	1
Kit Chee	2	Police	2
St. Joseph's	0	Army HK	2
Tai Koo	2	Solicitors	3

Kwong Wah 0—
Kit Chee 4

Chu Shui-hang in goal for the Kit Chee was in fine form and saved several good shots.

The winners combined well and proved too good for the opposition. Their defenders gave nothing away. Yau Wah-hing playing in the pivotal position, fed his forwards with well directed passes and at the same time kept a close watch on Lau Wai-mah, Kwong Wah's centre-forward.

The best player for the losers was Wong Chi-wan, the right half. He was all over the place and had the opposition outside left bottled up.

The winners took the lead after five minutes play through Chu Foo, their centre-forward, who netted with a good drive.

Just before half time, Cheung Chung-kun increased the lead.

After the breather, Kit Chee did most of the attacking and Chu Foo added another goal.

Before the end, Kwok Ying-kee completed the scoring for his side with a good goal.

Kwong Wah were awarded a penalty for a foul and Leung Pak-wai who took the kick failed to convert.

Kwong Wah: Tam Woon-cheuk, Tang Yu-chai, Leung Pak-wai, Wong Chi-wan, Leung Fong-chun, Ng Kau-kong, Lau Tai-fook, Ng Yuen-sai, Lau Wai-man, Kwok Man-tim and Lau Sui-hing.

Kit Chee: Chu Shui-hang, Pok Yau-wah, Mok Kum-chun, Lee Pui-chai, Yau Wah-hing, Lo Wai-keun, Yui Cheuk-yin, Kwok Ying-kee, Chu Foo, Cheung Chung-kun and Wong King-chung.

Saints Play Top Game
To Defeat VRC 4-0

(By "GRANDSTAND")

Saints mound-artist Jock Brown celebrated his return to the diamond after a month's lay-off by notching up the first no-hit no-run game this season, as he pitched his team to a 4-0 victory over VRC, while his mates backed him with errorless support that only allowed one member of the opposition to reach first base once, and that was when George Saunders was given a free ticket to the initial station, on "four balls" in the fifth frame.

This walk spoil a "dream game" but it was as near a perfect exhibition as humanly possible which had the crowd of fans at King's Park as Jindoo Hussain's smooth Saint machinery converted each VRC time-at-bat into putouts.

In the junior league, the Braves staged a late inning rally to triumph over the Rexes 14-7 to complete their league schedule deadlocked with the Jollies Jugglers for top berth.

The play-off will take place this Sunday, in the twilight of the Mohawks 15-0.

In the ladies exhibition tussle Bill Silva's Squaws nosed out White Fangs 8-7 after the keenly contested fringes had run into extra innings.

In registering Jock Brown's brilliant feat, the ace hurler fanned six Victorians, while opposing twirler Joey Franco was also pitching well up to form by allowing the heavy hitting Saint sluggers to only five blows, which included Dave Leonard's homer for the longest hit of the morning.

First Blood
The Saints drew first blood as they tallied three runs in the first inning on an error, two hits and a sacrifice, but the spree was halted for the next three frames although Jindoo Hussain's Saints had runners on base every inning.

In the fifth Benny Omar gave a life on an infield tumble and scooted around the sacks to score, but VRC inner quartet led off with a lead out, which VRC was unable to make any headway right from the start, as

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"GERRY" GOSANO

Personality
In HK Sports

(By ARGONAUT)

Beginning our series of local sports personalities we present to our readers this week that well-known member of the Gosano clan, "Gerry" as he is known to his friends.

A versatile, all-round sportsman, Gerry is the Colony's leading batsman in the current cricket season, and one of the best all-rounders of the Hong Kong inter-school cricket team.

A modest young man of 23, he attributes most of his success in this game to another well-known figure of the cricket field, Alex Pearce. He says that the coaching that the inter-school Captain gave him during his interment camp days has done a great deal to improve his strokes.

Born in Hong Kong, Gerry was educated in La Salle College, which he represented in cricket, football, hockey, athletics, swimming and baseball.

That he is a born sportsman is seen by the fact that even at the early age of nine, he became the school midday athletic champion.

The next year he was the Junior runner-up and the years 1937-1938 saw him as the Victor Ladorum of the school.

He was chosen for the Combined Schools in cricket and football and was voted the best all-round hockey player in the inter-school league in 1938.

In the inter-school sports that year he won for La Salle the 200 metres and Long Jump, and many can still remember the relay race in which Gerry as the last leg for his school ran against Hoesby, a leading athlete of that time.

He lost, but that was one of the most exciting races ever witnessed on a local athletic field.

After leaving school, young Gosano joined the Club de Reccelo, and soon made his name as a soft-ball player. He was a member of the Club team which won the championship in 1938.

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Snow Interferes
With Soccer Games

London, March 5.

Snow practically everywhere, except in London, interfered with football today, although considering the atrocious conditions there were few surprising results.

Two League III North games, Accrington v Rochdale and Barrow v Crewe, did not even start, and two others, the Second Division match between Bury and Plymouth, and the Third North fixture, Tranmere v Chester, were abandoned after the first half had been completed.

In several instances play was farcical and at Mansfield the Southport goal-keeper could not see a simple shot which beat him because of the snow.

Portsmouth and Manchester United took a step nearer towards the difficult task of winning the League championship as well as the F.A. Cup.

Both gained splendid victories. Portsmouth, who maintained their lead of three points at the top of the table, outplayed Aston Villa, and won by three clear goals, but the United's performance was even better for they won away at Charlton by the odd goal of five.

John Downie, United's new £18,000 forward from Bradford, fitted perfectly into the Manchester machine and enjoyed a highly successful debut, scoring one of the goals.

Maggies Lucky
The clash between Newcastle and Sunderland, which drew 60,000 on a day when attendances were well below average, provided a rather fortunate victory for Newcastle.

Newcastle scored their winning goal with Sunderland a man short, and remain within striking distance of Portsmouth. They have 30 points to Portsmouth's 42.

A goal in the closing seconds of the game at Burnley enabled Arsenal to snatch a point, which kept them in third place with 30 points. Their position is somewhat